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BR to get tough on repeat strikes

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Rail is expected to crack down on any repeat of today's 24-hour national rail strike which will halt train services across the country and which was attacked by the *prime minister yesterday as* deplorable.

Motoring associations issued warnings of congestion on the roads as a result of the strike, especially in London where there will also be a 24-hour strike by bus crews. Some London Underground services will also be disrupted by the rail strike.

British Rail will make no attempt today to run any train services but if there is a second rail strike called by the Rail, Maritime and Transport union BR would be likely both to try to run some rail services, and to consider legal moves against the RMT and its members.

Senior BR managers are aware of reports circulating around the rail network about a possible *repeat next Thurs*day. BR acknowledges that members of the train drivers' union Aslef are also likely to have voted for strike action in a ballot due to be declared at the end of next week.

British Rail is understood to *have told RMT leaders* privately that its stance will be tougher if the union proceeds to *a second stoppage. It has*



told its white-collar staff that if they fail to get to work because of today's strike they will lose either a day's pay or a day's leave.

Leaders of the RMT are expected to meet either on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning to consider whether to follow today's action with a further 24-hour strike. Southern areas are pressing for a stoppage next Thursday, while northern workers are talking about Tuesday or Wednesday. BR is likely to hold further talks with the union early next week after the RMT decides how to follow today's strike.

Questioned in the Commons about the rail stoppage, the prime minister said: "The strike is deplorable." He accused Labour of a "deafening silence" over *the stoppage.* Mr Major said the Labour party

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Flying visit: the Queen inspecting the guard of honour at Marham yesterday before presenting the RAF with a new colour to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding

UK pledges Tornados for Bosnia conflict

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND PHILIP WEBSTER

■ Despite fears that Britain could get caught up in a bloody conflict, there is cross-party support for British involvement in enforcing the no-fly zone

BRITAIN agreed yesterday to commit fighter aircraft to a Nato operation to enforce the air exclusion zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. A squadron of 12 Tornado F3 jets is expected to be sent into action within a fortnight.

Nato ambassadors will meet in Brussels today to refine contingency plans for what will be the alliance's first mission beyond its borders. At least 50 aircraft from Britain, France, America and The Netherlands are expected to be involved in the operation, under the command of an Italian air force general.

The announcement of British involvement was generally welcomed by MPs, who have become increasingly alarmed by the harrowing reports emanating from Bosnia, but some Conservatives — including Sir Edward Heath — were concerned that Britain could get caught up in a bloody conflict.

The government had been wary about enforcing the flights ban, fearing for the 2,500 British ground troops supporting the UN humanitarian relief convoys. But on Wednesday night, it bowed to American pressure and backed the security council resolution authorising military intervention.

Defence ministry sources said last night that the security of the British soldiers would be kept under very close review. If Bosnian Serbs carry out their threat of retaliatory attacks on UN troops, 105mm guns on the Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Argus* in the Adriatic could be lifted to Bosnia to provide extra protection.

Announcing the British commitment to the Commons, Jonathan Aitken, the defence procurement minister, said RAF pilots would take "evasive and retaliatory" action as necessary in policing the no-fly zone. Enforcement would, he said, send an important signal to those who had been creating the greatest evil and wickedness.

David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, offered Labour support for action "as a symbol of the world's belief of the need to enforce UN resolutions and at the same time send a message to warring factions of the necessity of their signing a peace accord".

The UN had earlier issued a statement saying it hoped that the implementation of the no-fly zone would encourage all parties to accept the Owen-Vance peace plan. But the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, said: "The one-sided punishing of the Serbian people can only have negative consequences. The highest organs of the UN continue to demonstrate a lack of understanding of the Bosnian knot."

In the Commons, both the prime minister and John Smith indicated that they still regard the Serbs as the principal villains, and John Major confirmed that he was willing to contemplate wider sanctions against Serbia. Mr Major said he was appalled by the plight of the Muslims in Srebrenica and Mr Smith added that the Serbs' barbaric disregard of humanity was intolerable.

But Paddy Ashdown accused main parties of a "conspiracy" and "unholy alliance" that had failed to back tougher UN action in the former Yugoslavia. Their attitude did not reflect the growing public mood that would support Britain taking the lead on stronger measures, he said. "Being appalled by Srebrenica is not good enough. Being appalled by Srebrenica is not going to save a single life. The question is what are you and what is the government going to do about Srebrenica? Is this to be yet another example of us standing by the side, wringing our hands, saying there is nothing that can be done, until it's too late for anything to be done?"

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, also berated the government, asking Mr Aitken: "When you look back on these wasted months, during which atrocity has been piled on atrocity, do you feel no sense of regret that more decisive action was not taken before now?"

Ministers have yet to decide the contribution Britain will make towards enforcing the flights ban. Although they are most likely to send a squadron of 12 Tornados, they may choose to restrict Britain's participation to the eight Royal Navy Sea Harriers already in the region on board the carrier, HMS *Ark Royal.*

Much will depend on the contributions being made by other countries. The Americans are expected to contribute 20 F14 Tomcats from the carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, the French could send a squadron of Mirage 2000s and the Dutch a squadron of 18 F16s. The operation will be conducted from a Nato base at Vincenza, north-east Italy, under the command of Lieutenant-General Giuseppe Degli Innocenti.

The enterprise was, however, questioned last night by *some Conservatives, led by Sir* Edward Heath, who said Britain appeared to be getting dragged further and further into the war. That should not happen, he told BBC Television's *Westminster Live* programme. Enforcing the air exclusion zone could put British ground troops at risk, he added: "I don't think the no-fly area is going to deal with the situation because the fact is the Serbs are very heavily armed, and that's what has been causing the trouble."



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Rain ruins RAF party

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHAT should have been the RAF's biggest flypast for 40 years was grounded yesterday by a no-fly zone imposed over Norfolk, not by the United Nations but by torrential rain and clag over Clacton.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the RAF's founding, air chiefs had spent six months planning the display of 149 aircraft, representing second world war veterans as well as every type now in service.

Unlike the service's finest hour, when it fought the Battle of Britain in cloudless

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THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES

Today



■ Gary Kasparov, the champion who Nigel Short is challenging for the Times World Chess Championship, is a happy family man but plays chess like a *streetfighter. Why do people* think he is arrogant? "Because I win so much. I have been world champion now for eight years. I beat a lot of people. I make *enemies and people get* envious."

Robert Crampton talks to Gary Kasparov on page 19

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■ Follow the Grand National in The Times, with a colour A to Z guide to all the runners and riders, a profile of Jenny Pitman, trainer of one of the favourites, a guide to the Aintree course and a full card and form guide.

Plus, in the Weekend section, Libby Purves on the team behind Zeta's Lad

And . . .

■ Can superstar violinist *Nigel Kennedy survive* his late adolescence? In The Times Magazine Kennedy talks of his affinity with Jimi Hendrix and his need to react to the strict regimentation of being a classical musician

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Major's standing falls among working class Tory supporters

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major is continuing to lose support among the public, and particularly Tory supporters, as campaigning starts for local government elections across the country in a month's time.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, mainly undertaken last weekend, offers scant comfort for the prime minister as he prepares to celebrate the anniversary of his election victory in a week's time.

The most positive news for the government is that the public has become less pessimistic about the economic state of the country over the next 12 months following the Budget on March 16. The economic optimism index now stands at its highest level since last summer.

This improvement has not enhanced the standing of the Tories or of Mr Major. Two-thirds of the public, including a third of Tories, are now dissatisfied with the way the prime minister is doing his job. This is close to the worst levels reached last autumn after sterling withdrew from the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism.

Mr Major has lost support especially among the key voting group of C2 skilled workers. More than four-fifths of the public is also dissatisfied with the way the government is running the country.

Labour now has a lead of 15 points over the Tories, at 47 against 32 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats on 17 per cent. Senior Tory officials last night dismissed the poll figures as of no importance at this stage of the parliament.

The net balance of satisfied less dissatisfied is higher among men than women (at minus 45 against minus 38 per cent); higher among the 35 to 44-year-olds (at minus 50 per cent) than other age groups; and, higher among the working class C2DEs than middle class ABC1s (at minus 56 per cent against minus 20 per cent).

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Funds for Tower fire safety 'withheld'

BY TONY DAWE

FUNDS needed to provide essential fire safety measures in the Tower of London, Britain's most visited historic building, have been withheld by the government, officials at the Tower claimed yesterday.

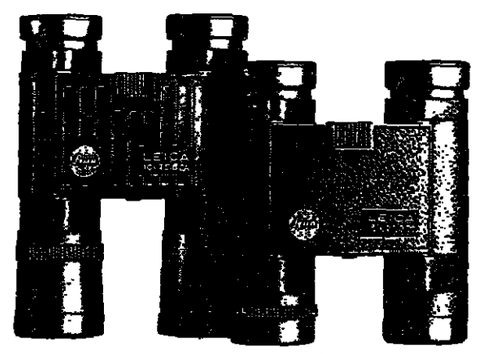
They told an MP that they wanted to install the latest fire detection equipment and sprinklers in the White Tower, exposed by *The Times* last month as a firetrap, but "lack of funds" had made that impossible. Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP who had raised the question, last night accused the government of "breathtaking complacency" and called for the resignation of Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary.

Mr Brooke had told him that the London fire brigade has no powers to inspect buildings such as the Tower, Buckingham Palace and Hampton Court, because they are Crown properties.

Mr Mackinlay, who is supporting a campaign by *The Times* to end Crown immunity from the fire laws, said last night: "The policy is indefensible." Guy Wilson, Master of the Armouries which runs the 900-year-old White Tower, said in a letter to the MP that automatic fire detection and supression systems were "necessary to protect the buildings and our collections".

He insisted, however, that there was no danger to the public as there was sufficient staff to spot any fire.

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Commuters' misery deepened by more than just a rail strike

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

COMMUTERS have been told to expect "bedlam" on the roads today as the rail strike brings disruption across the country.

London will be brought to a virtual standstill by a simultaneous strike by bus workers and disruption on some parts of the Underground.

Scotland, the West Country and the rest of the South East are also likely to suffer massive disruption. Traffic is expected to clog the main routes into **Bristol, Exeter, Glasgow** and **Edinburgh**, and the main business centres around London, such as **Reading** and **Basingstoke**, as people substitute road for rail in a spirited attempt to get to and from work.

The advice from police, councils and motoring organisations yesterday was: drive if you must but leave plenty of time and share cars where possible. They urged drivers to show "courtesy, tolerance and patience".

Police said there would be no relaxation of parking restrictions, particularly in city centres where they would be "vigorously enforced" to help clear roads. The transport department has opened two emergency car parks in London's Docklands — at Greenland Pier, Surrey Docks, and Masthouse Terrace, off West Ferry Road — and there will be more riverbus services along the Thames from Greenwich to Chelsea.

Liverpool city council has laid on extra ferry services on the Mersey and staffing has been increased at the city's two toll-paying road tunnels to ease congestion.

In the West Country, drivers were told to expect long delays on the A4, the main route between **Bath** and **Bristol**, on the A38 and A370 from Weston-super-Mare to Bristol, and on the M32 from the north of Avon county. Parking spaces in **Bristol** city centre were also likely to be at a premium.

In **Manchester**, buses and the metro are working as normal.

It is **London** that will bear the brunt of the disruption. Traffic on the already overloaded M25 is expected to grind to a halt on the western tranche where roadworks are continuing between junctions 15 and 16. The M4 and the A40 are likely to be heavily congested.

Less than half of the capital's 4,000 buses will be in service, in the third day of action against cuts in wages and a longer working week. South London and the city centre will be worst hit.

London Underground services will be disrupted on two lines where services run on tracks owned and operated by British Rail. Twenty stations will be closed: there will be no Bakerloo service north of Queen's Park station in north-west London, and in the southwest no district line service between Turnham Green and Richmond, and Putney Bridge and Wimbldeon. Stations at Stratford, New Cross Gate and New Cross in south-east London are also likely to be closed.

For international travellers, the picture is less bleak. Rail services between Victoria and the Channel ports, and between Liverpool Street station and Harwich, have been replaced with coaches. Gatwick airport is putting on extra coaches to replace the high-speed rail link from Victoria station in London, and tickets already bought from British Rail for the Gatwick Express can be used.

Returning home from work should be easier. Underground services, which may be disrupted early in the morning as Tube staff struggle to get to work, are likely to be running more smoothly by the evening.

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Rail staff warned on repeat action

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was "still the striker's friend", but John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said the strike was about "services and fighting for our railways".

The rail strike has been called in protest at compulsory redundancies, and the 24-hour miners' strike over planned pit closures, while the London bus strike — the third 24-hour bus stoppage in the capital — is over pay and jobs.

The 68,000 rail members of the RMT will be joined by almost 3,000 engineers and up to 1,000 BR vehicle builders and other craft workers. Jimmy Knapp, RMT general secretary, said the union's members were "angry and concerned" about job losses, and he predicted solid support for the strike from them and from the public at large: "The public will grasp that what we are asking for is reasonable and that there is a direct link between job losses and service quality."

British Rail began shutting down its network last night in preparation for the start of the strike at midnight. BR stands to lose at least £10 million in lost revenue from the strike, and estimates of the total cost in terms of lost production across industry and commerce runs into many times that figure.

The Automobile Association predicted "traffic bedlam" today, especially in London, where 400,000 commuters use BR trains to get to and from work. Scotland Yard asked motorists to consider if their journeys were necessary, and warned that parking restrictions in London would not be lifted.

London Underground said it intended to run normal services from 6am, though it acknowledged that Tube services would be affected by the BR strike where services ran over tracks owned and operated by BR.

Bakerloo services north of Queen's Park may be hit, and District Line services between Turnham Green and Richmond, and Putney Bridge and Wimbledon, will also be affected.



J. JOHNNY EGGITT

Speaking out: Don Treshman, the American anti-abortion campaigner, was released from custody yesterday and immediately attacked the British government. He accused Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, of capitulating to pressure from the abortion lobby. Mr Treshman, director of the militant anti-abortion group Rescue America, was granted bail by the Immigration Appeals Tribunal, pending his appeal against the home secretary's decision to deport him.

'Clag' over Clacton ruins flypast

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June skies, however, the cloud came down to 1,000ft and the rain drenched 10,000 spectators, including the Queen and other members of the royal family, at RAF Marham.

Several larger aircraft were already airborne when the decision to cancel was taken. Senior officers said the weather was "bad enough here but altogether too claggy over Clacton", where the squadrons were to form up.

Even the parade at which the Queen presented the RAF with a new sovereign's colour had to be trimmed from 500 men to 200 and moved to the dry warmth of a freshly painted hangar which normally shelters the Tornados of 617 Squadron. There was general relief at the move.

The Queen, in purple coat and matching hat, praised her air force for its gallantry, determination and devotion to duty throughout its 75 years.

"We should remember today those members of the RAF who have given their lives for their country, and think also of your colleagues who are serving the cause of peace in the world," she said.

The Queen announced that three members of her family were to become honorary air commodores of RAF stations: the Prince of Wales at Valley, the Duke of Gloucester at Odiham and the Duke of Kent at Leuchars.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Opposition team all dressed up like a dog's dinner

Those MPs who were not out celebrating victories at yesterday's "MPs' dog show", sponsored by Woofit, looked in on questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Suppressing the urge to see Norman Lamont as a plump Pekingese, and his shadow, Gordon Brown, as a slobbery Pyrenean mountain dog, I tried to concentrate on what MPs were saying.

In your sketchwriter's mind, another distraction was growing. I was unable to take in the economics.

With Easter in the air, fashion holds our attention. "Grunge" is all the rage: and it strikes me that — almost a year, now, into the new parliament — Britain has a grunge Opposition.

I am not talking about their dress. Grunge, in clothes and lifestyle, can be defined as an anti-fashion youth cult, born out of the recessionary years of the early 1990s. It is a reaction to the glossy, shoulder-padded excesses of the 1980s. The grunge look consists of an unmatching collection of cheap and tatty garments, often bought from charity shops, inspired by the 1970s and earlier. There may be flares or platform-heels. There may be stove-pipes or turn-ups. There can even be parkas and earrings, afghans and midis, berets and waistcoats. The only unifying theme is that there is no unifying theme. The ensemble lacks coherence, borrowing from the cast-offs of different eras and styles.

Looking across this week at John Smith, Margaret Beckett, Gordon Brown, Michael Meacher, Harriet Harman, Jeremy Corbyn, and Dennis Skinner, it seemed that we have, here, the concept of grunge elevated from the individual to the team, from the wardrobe to the ideological wardrobe.

How are the voters to match a Tony Benn with a Tony Blair? Blair, alone makes a coherent fashion statement: 1980s Filofax. Benn has an integrity of his own: 1930s Socialist. However, Benn and Blair together are grunge.

Or take Clare Short and Margaret Beckett. Short is 60s Irish with a hint of Greenham Common. Beckett is 70s C & A with ideology and earrings to match the occasion. Any occasion. Each alone presents a picture we can read. Together, we have grunge.

Put sober-suited Donald Dewar, social security spokesman and on the intellectual Calvinist right of his party, on a front bench with jovial, leftish, bearded Frank Dobson, shadow Commons leader, cheeks glowing from a mental mass trespass on Kinder Scout, and what do you have? Two coherent individuals, but, as a pair... grunge.

Here lies the reason John Smith triumphs as Opposition leader of a grunge party. Mr Smith is grunge, all by himself. As a political statement, Mr Smith achieves ideological grunge unaided. There is no need for extra colleagues to muddy the philosophical waters. A decade of boardroom dinners has supplied him with 1980s City cred. A Scottish presbyterian upbringing gives him 90s (1890s) non-conformist cred. His roots in the old Labour party give him Keir Hardie Clause 4 cred. A lifetime's association with the trade union movement gives him TGWU dinosaur cred. Fighting Militant with Kinnock gives him New Labour cred. Any of these creds would do on its own. Together they present ... grunge. Grunge not of the clothing, but of the mind.

Last week, Mr Smith was on about the cost of gas. This Tuesday, it was the Oscars. Yesterday, it was Bosnia. His glasses glint in the TV lights, but the overall effect is ... well, that's enough grunge for the Easter Recess.





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'If Tim gives hope after such tragedy, it will be a unique achievement'

Father says bomb victim son should be symbol of peace

By Paul Wilkinson

WORDS of hope were mixed with anger and anguish at the funeral yesterday of Tim Parry, the 12-year-old murdered by the IRA's Warrington bombing.

His father, Colin, in a tribute to his son's brief life, expressed the wish that he should become a symbol for peace. The Bishop of Warrington, the Rt Rev Michael Henshall, called the IRA "white-feathered bigots" and pleaded for the deaths of Tim and three-year-old Johnathan Ball, the other bombing victim, to be "the watershed of violence. It could be a catalyst, a moment in time, a turning of the tide," he said.

For the second time in a week, a small community halted for the funeral of one of its children. More than an hour before the service, people began gathering at the dark redbrick church of St Mary in Great Sankey, two miles from Warrington town centre. By the time the cortege arrived, more than 500 were standing four and five deep on the pavement. Many were mothers with young children.

There was silence in the chill east wind as the small oak coffin was taken from the second of two flower-filled hearses. On top was Tim's white Sea Scout cap.

Mr Parry led the pallbearers. With him walked Tim's mother Wendy, his brother, Dominic, 14, and his sister, Abigail, 10. They passed through an honour guard of Sea Scouts and members of Tim's soccer team, Penketh United Under-12s.

Inside the church the mourners included Howard Kendall, manager of Everton, Tim's favourite team. Accompanying him were two players, Dave Watson and Peter Beardsley.

They heard the bishop draw a parallel with the Easter story. "We see the barbaric, callous, outrageous cruelty that led Him to the gallows. They heaped on Him blind hatred, stupid prejudice and an inhumanity that has gone ringing down the centuries.

"Had they had bombs, they would have placed them in the litter bins of Jerusalem to blow Him, and any little children who happened to be near, to pieces. As it was they thought that they had triumphed by driving nails, the shrapnel of that age, into His hands and feet.

"How wrong they were. How pathetic their judgment. How indescribably inadequate their cause. How discredited their savagery."

The last words of the service were from Mr Parry, whose demeanour over the past 12 days since the bombing has impressed so many. He spoke of the support of millions of people who had helped them through their ordeal. "They have said Tim has not died in vain. They have said Tim will never be forgotten. That is most certainly true. Our sincere hope now is that these hopes and wishes do come true. If my son becomes a symbol for peace and gives everyone a new sense of hope after so much tragedy, then it will be Tim's unique achievement."

Often halting with emotion, he said that he had cherished the five days his son had clung to life. "He gave us more time with him. It might seem strange to say you want time with someone who's been desperately injured and who is breathing with the aid of a machine, but quite frankly it's still your son. The hard part is never seeing him again.

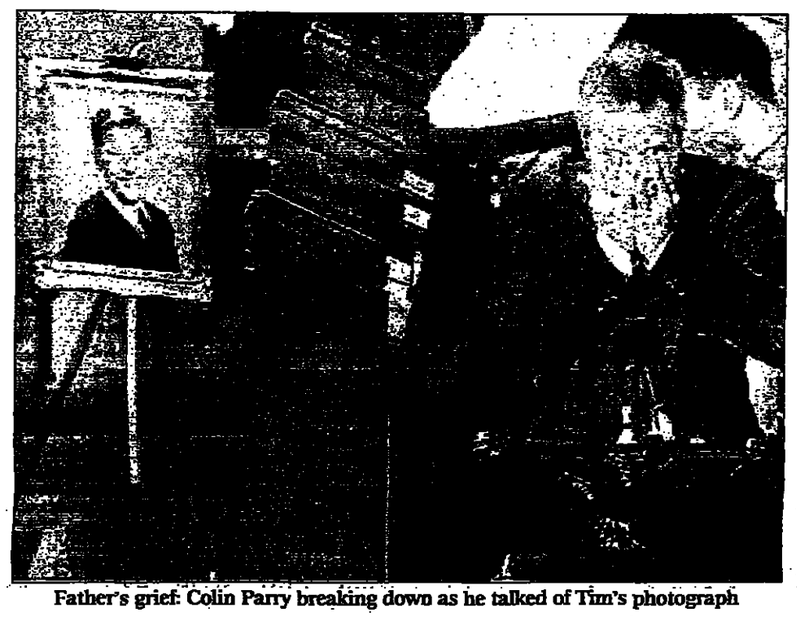
"The immediate things we already struggle with are staring into his room, touching his things," Mr Parry said. "We look into his eyes in that wonderful photograph, but his eyes are still, they don't blink, they don't change, they don't move. We no longer hear his voice, his school books are closed, his football boots hang limp, his Sea Scout hat hangs down."

He ended: "Tim had 12 all too short years, but they were superb and for that we thank you. Goodnight Tim, sleep well, we are with you always."

TONY HALL



Pupils mourn: classmates and friends watching as Tim Parry's funeral cortege passed his school near Warrington yesterday



Father's grief: Colin Parry breaking down as he talked of Tim's photograph

Undercover soldier shoots Loyalist

By Edward Gorman, Ireland correspondent

AN UNDERCOVER British soldier shot and injured a leading Loyalist in north Belfast on Wednesday night after a covert surveillance operation went wrong, it was revealed yesterday.

The disclosure indicates that special forces normally devoted to tracking republicans are increasingly being deployed against Loyalists, amid one of the most intense phases of Loyalist violence since the troubles began.

Reports in Belfast indicate that the soldier had been monitoring the home of an alleged leading member of the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF), a cover name for the recently banned Ulster Defence Association, in the Protestant Shankhill area.

According to sources in Shankhill, the soldier was said to have driven past the house at least six times and had eventually been spotted by those inside. About 9.30pm the soldier was challenged to identify himself, and he is then thought to have fired at least five shots, one of which slightly injured a Loyalist. Neither he nor any of his colleagues was arrested.

The soldier was whisked away from the scene immediately after the confrontation by a colleague. Security sources were quoted as saying that at least two of the Loyalists involved are alleged to be leading members of the UFF. The sources also admitted that the soldier is a member of a military intelligence unit.

☐ Three suspected IRA terrorists went on trial in Celle, Germany, charged with attempted murder for bombing a British army barracks in Germany in 1989.

The three are also charged with espionage and intended sabotage relating to British military installations in Germany in the spring and summer of 1989. They were named as Pauline Drumm, 26, Patrick Murray, 49, and Donogh Mary O'Kane, 32, all of them Irish nationals.

Reynolds renews Irish unity claim

By Our Ireland Correspondent

IRELAND does not intend to drop its constitutional commitment to a united Ireland, Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, said yesterday.

At the opening of a debate in the Dáil on Northern Ireland, Mr Reynolds appeared to distance himself from recent statements by Dick Spring, the Labour leader and foreign minister, who has suggested there could be some modification to Ireland's constitutional claim to the province to enable progress in talks on Ireland's political future.

Mr Reynolds made no secret of his desire for a united Ireland.

But he emphasised that it was the people of Ireland in a referendum, not the government, who would decide whether to change the relevant articles.

The speech, intended primarily for domestic consumption and particularly the strongly nationalist grass roots of Fianna Fáil, was also seen as an important policy statement. It is unlikely to help bridge the gulf between the Irish government and unionists.

The response from unionists suggests that a resumption of talks is unlikely for some time. Jim Wilson, the general secretary of the Ulster Unionist party, said Mr Reynolds had shown no interest in peace, reconciliation or stability within Northern Ireland.

Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, the republic's minister for justice, said she would be bringing in proposals to close loopholes in extradition laws "as a matter of priority".

Mr Reynolds vigorously rejected claims that the republic is a haven for terrorists. He said the Irish government had always condemned paramilitary violence and employed all means at its disposal to combat the activities of terrorist groups.

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Stab victim fought her killer

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

JEAN Bradley, the businesswoman stabbed to death on a London street last week, tried to grab her attacker's knife but could not stop the blade being plunged into her lungs and nicking her heart, police said yesterday.

Miss Bradley, an executive with a relocation company who earned £30,000 a year, was attacked as she returned to her car. A man approached her, there was an argument and she was left bleeding to death about 12 yards from her car on a suburban street.

Yesterday Scotland Yard mounted a reconstruction of Miss Bradley's last walk from work to her car in Acton, west London, and disclosed that a passer by who chased the murderer was threatened. The killer rounded on the man, a carpenter, and said: "You will get it as well."

Det Supt Bob Fenton, who is leading the investigation, said: "It is a nasty case. You have an attack on a defenceless woman by a vicious man armed with a knife. She did not have a chance. She did not deserve to die. She deserved people who know something to come forward."

He said that a post-mortem examination showed that Miss Bradley had cuts to her hands, indicating that she had tried to fend off the attack, which was carried out with a knife police believe was about eight inches long.

Police have details of seven sightings of the chase, including one from a new witness who saw the killer being pursued through an underground car park to the centre of a large housing estate, where the carpenter lost him.

In yesterday's reconstruction, a law lecturer, whose identity was not disclosed, retraced Miss Bradley's journey. Police say that they have 50 officers working on the case.

Midlands men win robbery appeal

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

TWO men sentenced to 14 years for armed robbery in a case brought by the disbanded West Midlands *Crime Squad* were cleared by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The men, who were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court in 1986, said that detectives falsified confession statements. They were convicted of a £100,000 Post Office van robbery at Pelsall, West Midlands in 1980.

Leslie Horobin, 41, and Kevin Wilcox, 35, both from Walsall, are the latest in a series of people to be freed in alleged miscarriage of justice cases involving the squad. Mr Wilcox said: "I am delighted it is all over. At the end of the day we have had a fair hearing."

He praised West Yorkshire police, who carried out an enquiry into the activities of the crime squad. "Not all policemen are corrupt," he said.

Mr Horobin had already been released on licence. Mr Wilcox was freed by the appeal judges.

The men's first appeal was turned down in 1988. Yesterday the Crown said it could not rely on the confession evidence, but it sought to uphold the conviction on the basis of evidence given by an informer, Christine Patten, the ex-wife of a suspect in the robbery.

David Martin-Sperry, for Mr Horobin, said that Mrs Patten was discredited because she had not been frank with West Yorkshire police. She had also received money from West Midlands detectives.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, sitting with Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Sedley, said the court would give its reasons for allowing the appeal at a later date.

Britain's lord of science dies after a heart attack, aged 88

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

LORD Zuckerman, Britain's most influential scientific adviser of the post-war years, died of a heart attack yesterday at the age of 88.

Slipping elusively through the corridors of power and leaving few footprints, Sir Solly Zuckerman, as he then was, played a key role in the Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Office in the 1960s. An anatomist and specialist on the social life of apes and monkeys, he used his knowledge and sharp intelligence to corner the market in scientific advice.

But while his head was in Whitehall, his heart was in London zoo, to which he was a loyal friend for 50 years and for whom he won a succession of generous grants from the governments he served.

He seldom made his opinions known in public and even those he advised were not always sure of them. An exception was his strong and consistent opposition to carpet bombing, first formed when he was recruited as a adviser during the second world war. Later he expressed similar scepticism about nuclear weapons.



Zuckerman: lifelong interest in science

Lord Zuckerman was born in South Africa in 1904 and trained initially as a doctor, switching to anatomy after coming to Britain in the 1920s. He moved easily between academic life and government, at one point being a professor at Birmingham University, chief scientific adviser to the Wilson government and secretary to London zoo.

A man of broad interests, he counted Alfred Hitchcock, e. e. cummings and George and Ira Gershwin among his friends.

William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, yesterday praised Lord Zuckerman's work. "Lord Zuckerman was our greatest public servant in science. Throughout his career he has been an immense influence on science in this country," he said.

His great strength as an adviser was his ability to convince military officers, as well as others not usually impressed by scientists, and his insistence on marshalling hard scientific data to support his views.

Lord Zuckerman retired from government life in 1971, but retained his interests in London zoo well into the mid-1980s, finally retiring as president of the Zoological Society in 1984.

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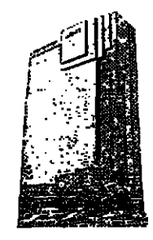
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French crews lift ban on British boats landing fish

FROM NICHOLAS WATT IN ST PETER PORT

FRENCH fishermen last night backed down from further clashes with British crews by allowing them to resume landing catches in Normandy.

The French said that they were redirecting their anger against their government, which they accuse of going behind their backs to negotiate last year's agreement with Britain over the disputed Schole Bank fishing area east of Guernsey.

Channel Island fishermen, who stayed away from Normandy ports this week after French threats, welcomed the lifting of the landing ban, which will allow them to cash in on the lucrative Easter market. Mike Taylor, president of the Jersey Fishermen's Association, said: "The French have told me that they have no quarrel with us now. The view of the moderates has clearly won and I now look forward to landing my catches in Normandy. I also hope that social events that we've had with France in the past will continue."

The agriculture ministry gave the French decision a cautious welcome. A spokeswoman said: "We are obviously pleased to hear that the French fishermen will not be taking any further action. But it is important to remember that it is the legitimate right of British fishermen to land their catches in France. It is also up to the government, and not the fishermen, to decide on territorial waters."

At the Guernsey's fishermen's café at St Peter Port the lifting of the ban was greeted with resigned shrugs. Bill Ogier, president of the island's fishermen's association, said only: "That's fine."

Other members were less sure in the light of Monday's protest when, at the height of the dispute, a flotilla of 37 French vessels carrying 90 angry fishermen sailed into their port. One said: "I wouldn't trust the French one bit. You give them an inch and they grab a mile. Let's just see what happens when we go over to France. This week the British government should have made more of a fuss. The French broke the law and got away with it."

After a week in which centuries of rivalry between the Channel Islands resurfaced, fishermen in St Peter Port criticised their own government. One fisherman, who did not want to be named, said that the French offer on Wednesday for further talks was rejected by his association after pressure from the Guernsey Sea Fisheries Committee. He said: "They have stabbed us in the back. I would have been happy to have met the French but the government, under pressure from London, didn't want us to see them."

The French were so successful in intimidating Channel Islanders this week that one Guernsey fishing company made false statements yesterday about the destination of its catches for fear of alerting angry French trawlermen. The Guernsey Fishermen's Trading Company said before last night's announcement by the French that none of its boats had sailed to France since Monday's talks and no sailing was scheduled until today. John Dodd, of the company, said: "We have been advised not to go."

However, the company had sent a boat laden with shellfish to Primmel in Brittany on Wednesday night. John Le Tissier, who was manning the *Anne Thierry* on its way back from France to Guernsey yesterday, said: "Yes, we made it over to France. Everything was fine and we cleared the fish with no problems. Brittany is much safer than Normandy."

In spite of the improving relations between the fishermen, French and Guernsey officials were in dispute last night over Monday's protest. Guernsey wants the French consul to pay harbour fees for the 37 boats that entered St Peter Port. The consul said the fishermen or their associations should be invoiced.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Changing channels: Michael Jackson after the announcement yesterday of his appointment as controller of BBC2. Mr Jackson has been BBC television's head of music and arts since 1991 and at 35 is the second youngest channel controller in the BBC's history. He takes over from Alan Yentob, now controller of BBC1

Romanian stowaways found dead

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE bodies of two Romanian stowaways have been found in a consignment of baskets on a ship at Norwich.

Workers at a haulage contractor discovered them in a cold and airless trailer on Wednesday, 20 days after the two men, in their early twenties, hid aboard the *Caransebes* to travel to the West. The ship sailed from Constanta on March 11 and arrived in the Suffolk port of Felixstowe before the sealed trailer was taken to Norwich.

Police said that some mouldy bread and tins of food were found with the bodies. They were trying to establish the men's identities yesterday. An inquest is to be held.

Edinburgh weaves Scottish theme through festival fare

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Edinburgh International Festival this year will provide one of the most expensive programmes yet, combining a strong operatic content and featuring an important exhibition for the first time.

The festival, set to cost £4.5 million, is back in the black and has attracted strong business backing. The largest corporate sponsor is Scottish Power, which has more than doubled its funding to £58,250. Brian McMaster, the international festival director, said the aim was to promote Scottish art to the world as well as to draw international talent to Edinburgh.

The music of Janacek and Schubert is juxtaposed in 13 concerts and recitals, including a double bill of Janacek's first opera, *Sarka*, and Schubert's rarely performed *Die Freunde von Salamanka*. The musical development of Verdi is represented by his first opera, *Oberto*, conducted by Sir Edward Downes, and the Welsh National Opera's production of his last opera, *Falstaff*. The programme also includes Scottish Opera's new production of Verdi's *I Due Foscari*, and a performance of his *Requiem*.

The Canadian Opera makes its British debut with Schoenberg's *Erwartung* and Bartok's *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*. The Usher Hall concerts include performances by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra and the South West German Radio Symphony Orchestra. Recitals include appearances by Thomas Hampson, Anne Evans and Robert Holl. Mr McMaster said he had taken note of criticism that the festival ought to include an exhibition and would be presenting *The Waking Dream*, an exhibition of photographs from 1839 to 1939 from the private collection of the Gilman Paper Company.

The highlight of the theatre programme is a performance of Peter Stein's German language production of *Julius Ceasar*, featuring 200 extras, to be staged at the Royal Highland Exhibition Hall in Ingliston. Peter Sellars is directing Aeschylus's *The Persians*.

The Scottish theme includes a look at the work of James MacMillan, the young Scottish composer, and a TAG Theatre production of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *A Scots Quair*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Enquiry into escape blames court security

Five men on trial over the Strangeways prison riot escaped from Manchester Crown Court after intimidating prison officers and because of weaknesses in security, according to an official enquiry. The men were able to plot their escape because escort officers and court attendants allowed the prisoners to predict where they would be in the court buildings at any given time. The enquiry, ordered by Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, also uncovered gaps in the physical security of a custody area at the court complex. Five men escaped in February after being allowed to go to the lavatory during the trial. They clambered into the space above the ceiling in the cell toilets and emerged in a public area. The report warns of the dangers of prison officers allowing "no go" areas to develop at courts and calls for an annual review of crown court security.

Country pubs 'ruined'

Country pubs are being ruined by City whiz-kids intent on maximising profit, who treat them as "filling stations" for beer, says the Consumers' Association. It adds: "What passes for much 'home cooking' in pubs is generally the outcome of an unholy alliance between the freezer and the microwave." Roger Protz, a contributor to a guide published today, says 10,000 pubs could shut by the end of the decade. ☐ The *Which?* Guide to Country Pubs, Consumers' Association and Hodder & Stoughton (£12.99)

High sheriff fined

John Eyston, 58, who retired last week as high sheriff of Oxfordshire, was fined £1,000 for careless driving by magistrates at Thame, Oxfordshire. He ploughed into another car as he was overtaking on the brow of a hill last November. Both cars were badly damaged but the drivers escaped unhurt. Eyston, of Reading, Berkshire, was on his way to an official ceremony and was wearing his uniform of dress shirt, velvet pantaloons and buckled shoes. He admitted careless and inconsiderate driving.

Swords raise £750,000

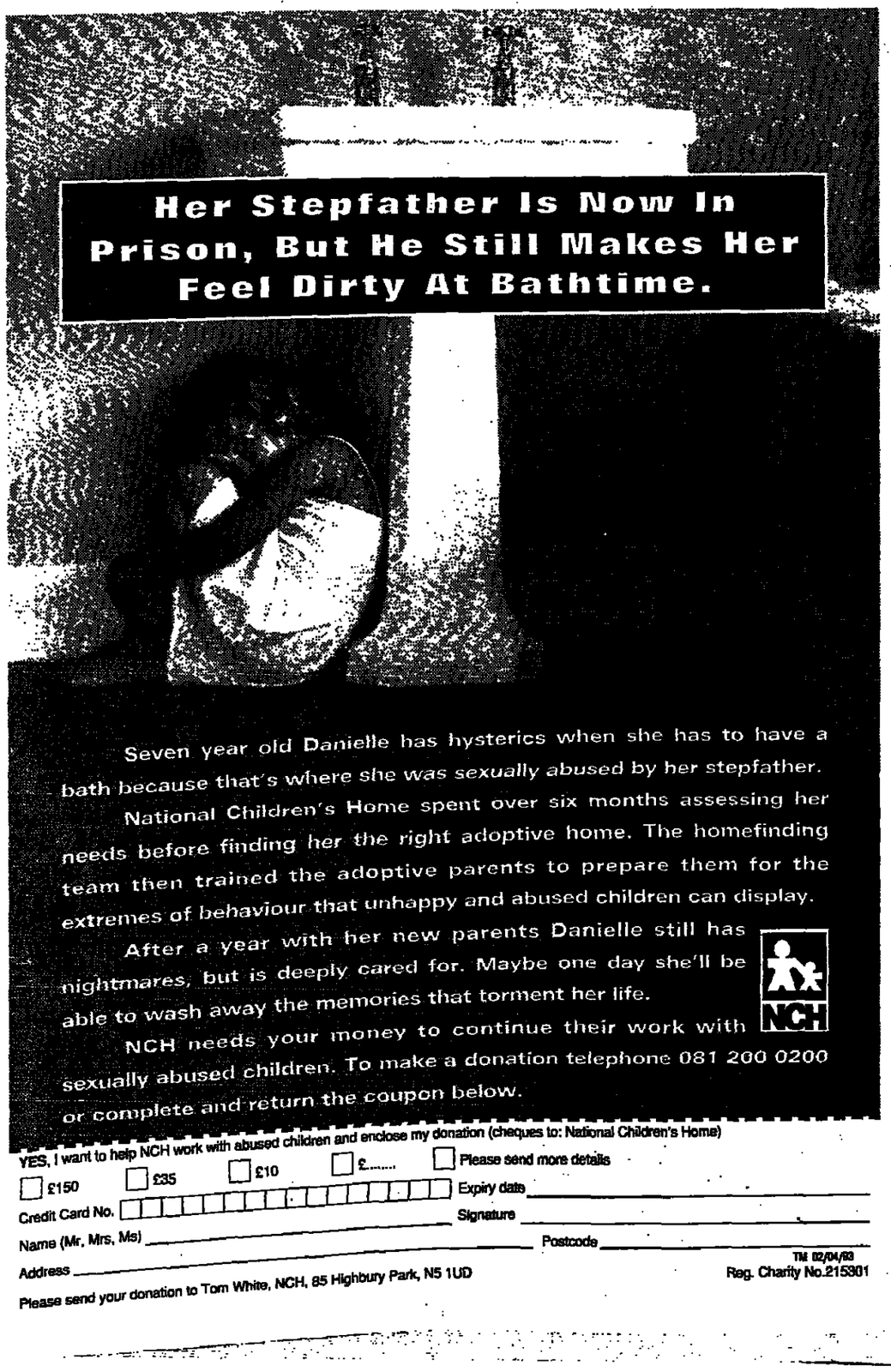
A collection of 38 Samurai swords, belonging to the late Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, sold for £754,000 at Sotheby's in London yesterday. The most expensive was a 27in blade by Yamaura Masayuki, dated 1839, which sold for £265,500. A 13in Masayuki sword fetched £89,500. Both weapons were sold to Japanese buyers. Sir Francis, commander of the 36th division in Burma during the second world war, was known to his men as Frontline Frankie, from his insistence on leading from the front.

Typist changed letters

A police typist claimed she was unfairly sacked after she refused to stop correcting senior officers' English. Mary Jefferson, 53, of Cowley, Oxfordshire, told a tribunal at Reading: "People would start a letter 'Dear Mr so-and-so' and end it 'Yours faithfully'. I would change it to 'Yours sincerely' otherwise it would be incorrect."

BAe protester accused

A peace protester caused almost £500,000 of damage to planes, missiles and offices at British Aerospace in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, the town's magistrates were told yesterday. Chris Cole, 29, of Oxford, is said to have dented equipment, daubed slogans on walls and dripped his blood on to computers. He was remanded in custody pending trial.



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Howard hails property tax as he caps three councils

BY RACHEL KELLY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE new council tax was hailed as a success by the government yesterday after it was announced that only three councils had spent over their budgets. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said the government was capping three councils for defying government spending limits: Labour-controlled Harlow, Conservative-controlled Castle Point in Essex, and the hung Gloucestershire county council.

Mr Howard said: "This year, the first year of the council tax, all but a tiny minority of authorities have set affordable budgets and council taxes. Only three out of 419 English authorities, in my opinion, have set budgets which are excessive or represent an excessive year-on-year increase."

Harlow described the capping of its budget from £17.9 million to £11.2 million as a devastating decision. "The government is more hard-hearted than any of us imagined. This is a cynical, calculated move to kill our town," a council spokesman said.

Councillors would be looking at ways of fighting the capping decision, the spokesman said. Councils have 28 days in which to appeal to the secretary of state.

The response at Gloucestershire, which has seen its budget cut from £316 million to £306 million was more muted. Anne Marshall, a spokeswoman, said: "This is what we were expecting. We will be lodging an appeal."

A spokesman for Castle Point council said that it was too soon to comment. "This needs careful consideration over the next few days," Michael Clayton, the acting finance director, said.

Keith Beaumont, of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said if councils appealed against the capping limits, they risked delays in collecting the council tax and cash-flow problems. Councils could also face the extra costs of re-billing taxpayers if their appeal was rejected.

The three councils yesterday defended their budget plans. Gloucestershire said the government had admitted a £5 million error in budget calucation for the council, but had failed to alter its budget. Overspending by Castle Point was because of its need to recover a deficit on its general spending fund.

Harlow's budget was needed to maintain what it described as essential services. Mr Howard has said the council was notoriously spendthrift and irresponsible and untypical of most local authorities, which managed to stay within government spending guidelines.

Simon Carter, leader of the Tory group, said Harlow's high level of council tax (£987 band D council tax) caused by its high budget reflected a spendthrift council. He said Harlow residents had already been hit by the council's inefficiency. "We still have £1.1 million of uncollected poll tax, which will mean a surcharge of £60 on every council taxpayer."

The council had spent £3.5 million on information technology to collect the poll tax, Mr Carter said.

Richard Howitt, the Labour council leader, said he accepted that the council tax was high, but he believed that the council provided value for money.



Howard: "most taxes affordable"

MARC ASPLAND



In the chair: observers say Sotheby's in Bond Street is putting a dust sheet over its reputation for snob appeal by appointing Diana Brooks, 43, a New Yorker, as head of world operations. Mrs Brooks is expected to bring an extrovert management style to the auction house. She plans to reduce rivalry between experts

County puts roads into private hands

BY RACHEL KELLY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

■ Berkshire is racing ahead of government plans to open up tendering of services

BERKSHIRE county council has awarded a £30 million contract to a private engineering company to run its highways and planning department, the first council to contract out such services.

The Baptie Group will run the council's public transport, traffic management and road design departments and be responsible for strategic planning of roads and housing over the next four years. The council will continue to deal with planning appeals.

Tony Allen, the council's chief executive, said the appointment would save £1.3 million over the next year, and the figure would increase.

Councils are required by the government to put out to tender blue collar services such as road maintenance, housing maintenance, grounds maintenance and school catering. The government plans to extend compulsory tendering of services to the private sector to white collar services such as law, finance and architecture, and the running of highways and planning departments. New regulations are expected this summer.

Baptie Group was chosen from a short list of five companies drawn up last November to handle projects worth £140 million. It will take on 309 of the council department's 383 permanent and temporary staff and be based at an office at Shire Hall, Reading. About 20 staff will continue to be employed by the county council to act as clients and manage the contract.

Fourteen staff will be ending temporary contracts, 26 are taking voluntary redundancy and the council is making 14 compulsorily redundant.

A report by the Audit Commission earlier in the week showed that since 1988, when the government required local authorities to look at bids from the private sector, some services had broken down and others had not been delivered to an adequate standard.

Women save farms from reservoir

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE women whose families have farmed a Devon valley for over half a century have won a campaign to save the valley from being flooded by a water company to create a reservoir.

The scheme, by South West Water, which would have cost the women their homes and livelihoods, has been cancelled after the National Rivers Authority gave permission instead for the company to pump water from the river Exe to top up an existing reservoir.

During a three-year campaign, the women wrote to MPs and conservation groups and gathered 3,000 signatures on a petition to the environment secretary.

The Axe valley, which has an ancient copse and 15 acres of bluebells and primroses, is safe for 15 years until South West Water again reviews supplies in east Devon.

Yesterday Linda Currall, 50, a farmer, and her fellow campaigners Candida Parmiter, 92, and Janet Moore, said that they were relieved that the struggle was over. Mrs Currall, a widow, whose husband's family had lived at Bullmoor Farm, Musbury, since 1938, said: "I feel absolutely elated. It has been a long battle and it has been very difficult to farm under the threat of this scheme."

Mrs Currall claimed that Bill Fraser, the water company's managing director, telephoned her at home to try to persuade her to drop her campaign.

She said: "Mr Fraser phoned me up in the evening, which I felt was harassment. He said I could see no further than my four walls, but what does he know about losing his home?"

A spokesman for South West Water said: "The Axe valley reservoir scheme is not needed now that the NRA has decided to grant a licence for extracting water from the Exe. The managing director has always made personal contact with landowners. I am sorry that this has been construed a harassment."

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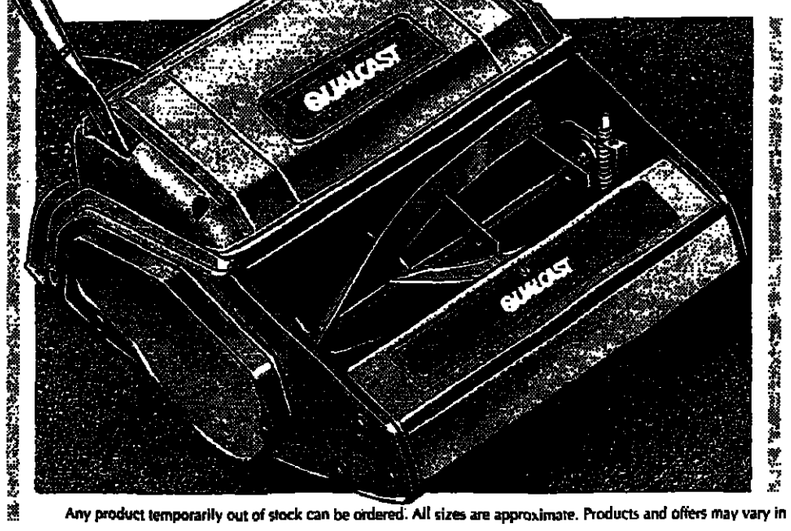
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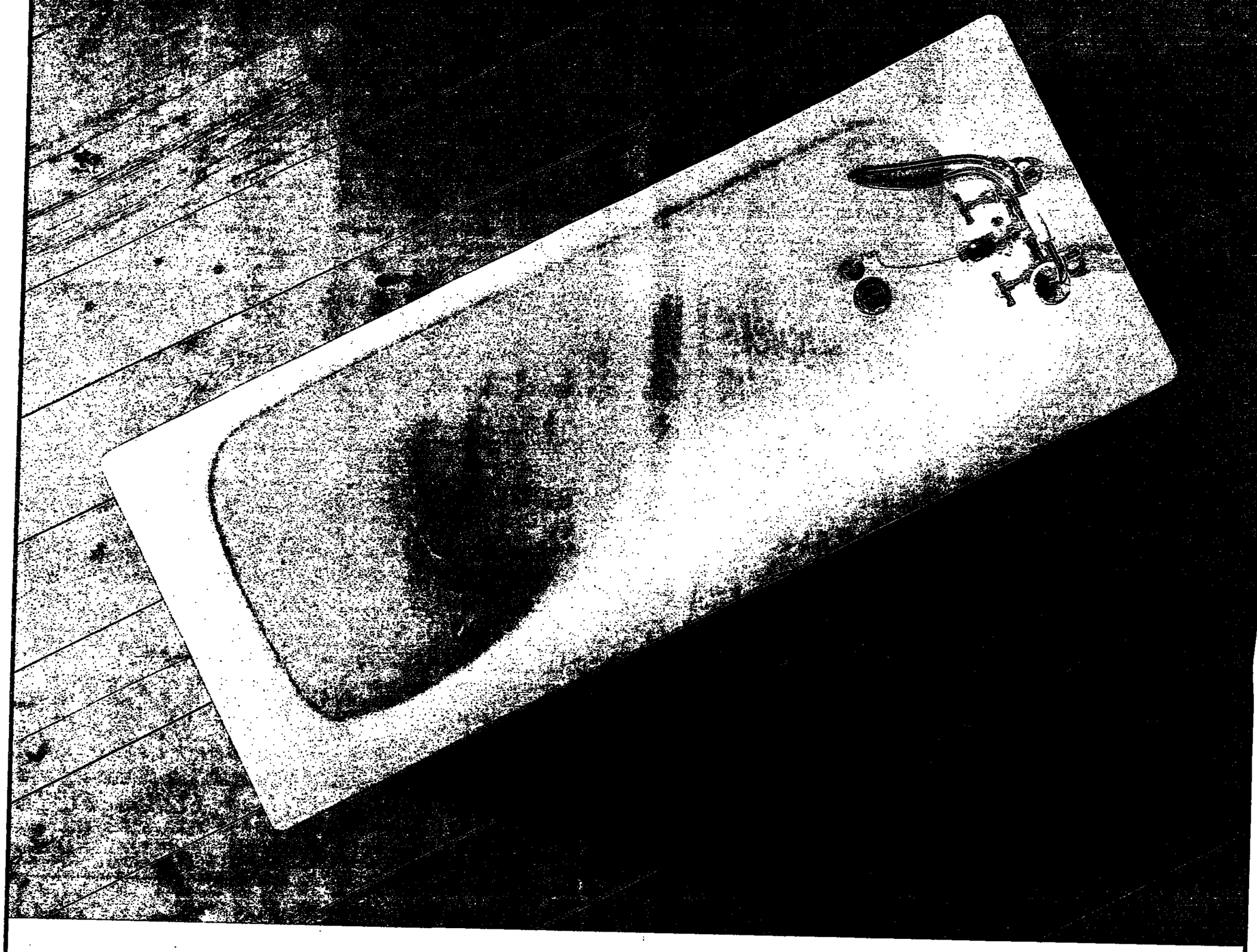
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Trial with Aids drug dashes early hopes

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

■ Aids therapy has suffered a sharp setback with the finding that early treatment with AZT apparently does patients no good

THE early use of the drug AZT to treat people infected with the Aids virus offers no clear benefits, a trial has shown. No *improvement* in survival or in delaying progression to the full symptoms of Aids was achieved by giving AZT as soon as patients were diagnosed HIV-positive.

The finding of the Anglo-French Concorde trial contradicts earlier work and is a serious disappointment. The trial, which began in 1988, is one of the largest and best-organised carried out on AZT, the leading Aids drug. Organised by the Medical Research Council and the French National Aids Research Agency, it involved 1,749 patients diagnosed as HIV-positive. Half were given AZT immediately on diagnosis, while the other half were not given the drug until they developed the symptoms of full Aids.

Results for the first three years of the trial are reported in today's issue of *The Lancet* by Jean-Pierre Aboulker of the French National Institute for Medical Research and Ann Marie Swart of the research council's HIV clinical trials centre at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London.

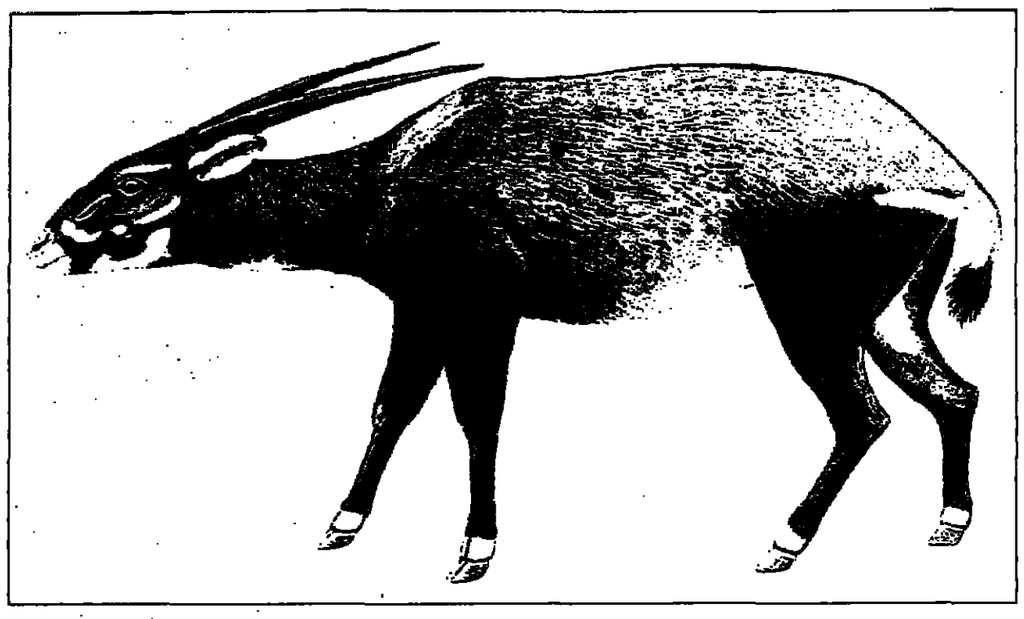
Of those given AZT early, 8 per cent had died within three years, against 7 per cent of those whose medication with AZT was delayed. The difference is not statistically significant. Neither was there any significant difference in the rate of progression to full-blown Aids.

The trial was not designed to show whether AZT has any benefits once Aids is established. Denying patients access to the only available Aids drug in order to maintain a control group would have been unethical, so as soon as individuals developed Aids symptoms they were put on AZT. Patients who showed persistently low counts of their CD-4 cells, the white cells which are vital to the functioning of the immune system, were also given AZT if they wished it, but this did not upset the trial results.

Wellcome, the British company which markets ATZ, said last night the trial would not affect medical practice. The fact that some patients with low cell counts began taking the drug during the trial made interpretation difficult. Most modern treatments, in any case, involved combinations of several drugs, including AZT

☐ In a letter to *The Lancet*, Gordon Stewart, emeritus professor of public health at Glasgow University, says that projections of total Aids cases in the UK have been consistently exaggerated because of the faulty methods used. The total registered cases of Aids in England and Wales in 1992 were, at 1,418, no more than a tenth of the figures estimated by experts a few years ago. A health department committee in 1988 estimated 3,600 cases by 1992.

Primitive new animal discovered in rain forest



A breed apart: a form of ox unknown to science has been found in rain forest along the border between Vietnam and Laos. It is the first discovery of a new mammal for more than 50 years, Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent, writes. The creature has been provisionally named the vu quang ox. John MacKinnon, an ecologist who helped to make the find, said: "It is probably a primitive form of ox, the precursor of cows." Only a few hundred of the breed may be left. The creature is reddish-brown with black and white markings and stands nearly 3ft high at the shoulder. It has two swept-back horns nearly 2ft long.

The ox is hunted for meat and villagers grind up the bones and skin into a powder which they believe has medicinal properties. The scientists have not yet seen a live specimen but have obtained one complete skin.

☐ Blackpool zoo has exchanged gorillas with Edinburgh zoo because its male, Kumba, has shown no interest in his female companions. John Hall, deputy director of Blackpool tourism, said: "It appears we have the country's only gay gorilla. He likes his keeper, a man."

Pet owners get a flea in the ear

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

PET owners are risking an invasion of animal fleas this summer by failing to take proper preventive measures, a conference of veterinary surgeons will hear today.

Research findings to be presented to the British Small Animal Veterinary Association's annual congress in Birmingham suggest that pet owners are treating their animals too little and too late.

The study, commissioned by Bayer, the chemicals and health care group, questioned 1,038 owners and found that fewer than a third were treating their animals before the warm months of June and July, when fleas multiply.

"Fleas can live for up to 50 days on cats and dogs and lay 50 eggs a day," Graham Dick, Bayer's technical products manager said. "So a female can produce upwards of 2,000 other fleas. Pet owners are storing up trouble for themselves."

Mr Graham said an upsurge in household flea infestations appeared to be linked to the recent run of mild winters.

Real-life April fools set record straight

By Robin Young

PEOPLE who invented April fool jokes yesterday were wasting their time. Nothing is so strange as the things people do in real life.

In Coimbatore, India, for example, a Mr Narasimhan is attempting the world record for typing all numbers from one to a million. Over Easter, people recruited by the Chessington World of Adventures theme park in Surrey will attempt the longest conga in British history, and next month Watford football club will try to make the longest paper chain. Next day, at Colchester garrison in Essex, Tom Rodeen will try to shave the most men in an hour.

Only last month Brother Michael Bartlett of Balham, south London, established his credentials as a jet-age Phileas Fogg by making the fastest flight round the world on scheduled flights taking in exact antipodal points. He reduced Fogg's record from 80 days to 87hrs 40mins.

Earlier this year, Tom Hannaford, of Sittingbourne, Kent, finished the longest piece of French knitting — more than 4½ miles — having worked on it since April 1989. Last year, John Evans, of Marlpool, Derbyshire, balanced 84 milk crates on his head; Bruce Crevier, of Elkton, United States, spun 16 basketballs simultaneously; and a team in California managed a round of golf in 9 minutes 39 seconds.

All these achievements, plus Paddy Doyle's 1,822 burpees (a kind of jump) an hour in Birmingham and Ashrita Furman's 3,913 squats an hour in the Philippines, will wind up in the 1994 *Guinness Book of Records*. Unless, that is, somebody does something stupid on an even grander scale before the book goes to press.

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News in Brief

Teenager's rapist given 14 years

A man who raped a 16-year-old prostitute after pretending that he could help her was jailed for 14 years yesterday.

Joseph Kenan, described as a menace to prostitutes, had just been released from an eight-year sentence for a sex offence when he attacked the girl, who had turned to prostitution to survive in London after running away from her Liverpool home. Kenan, 50, of King's Cross, threatened her with a knife before raping her at his flat.

At the Old Bailey, Judge Pepre told Kenan, who had a previous conviction for rape, that a long sentence was needed to keep him off the streets and protect prostitutes.

Driver crushed

The body of Tim Howard, 33, a lorry driver of Cleethorpes, Humberside, lay undiscovered beside the A63 near Hull for three days after he was crushed to death while repairing his cab. An inquest at Hull recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Mother insane

A mother who threw her two-year-old daughter into the Thames in London was cleared of attempted murder by the Old Bailey on ground of insanity. The woman, aged 21, was ordered to be detained in a psychiatric hospital.

Illness enquiry

Seven local councils have begun an enquiry into an illness that has struck down almost 100 people out of 346 who attended a National Westminster Bank dinner at Hull University on Friday.

Bank blunder

Staff at the Yorkshire Bank in Grimsby shut down a cash dispenser that paid double the amount requested, attracting a huge queue. A customer said: "I thought it was an April fool, but it was real money."

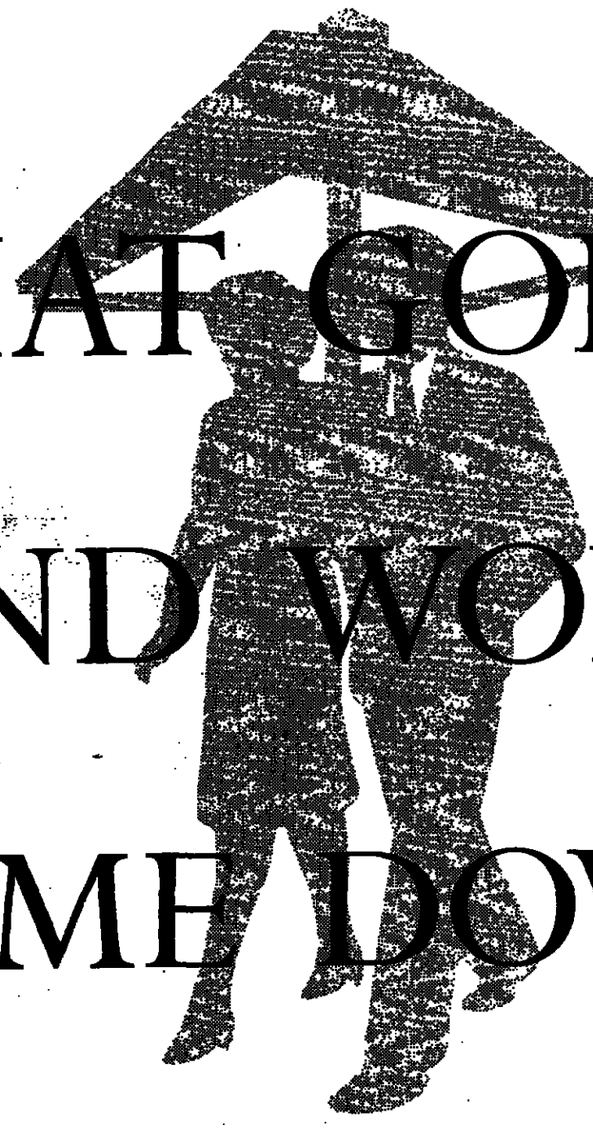
Flight of fancy

Robin Batchelor, 40, a balloonist of Towersey, Oxfordshire, plans to fly "around the world" in 18 days by visiting places such as Holland in Surrey, and Canton in Cardiff.

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Opinion poll shows a slump for Major as public finds faith in recovery

Hopes of upturn in Tory party's fortunes dashed

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major's personal rating has continued to slip over the past month, with a third of Conservative supporters dissatisfied about his performance as prime minister.

The findings in the latest opinion poll from *The Times*/Market & Opinion Research International (MORI) are of little comfort to the Conservatives in the run-up to the local government elections on May 6, and the forthcoming by-election in Newbury. They will undermine the hopes of ministers that the Conservative party's fortunes may have begun to turner the corner.

The latest poll shows that the Conservatives are vulnerable among many of their traditional supporters in spite of a pick-up in the economic optimism index from the low levels of the past six months.

The proportion dissatisfied with the way Mr Major is doing his job has risen from 64 to 67 per cent over the past month. The net balance — satisfied less dissatisfied — now stands at minus 41 per cent, against minus 30 per cent in January, and a low point of minus 51 per cent last October. This is approaching the levels recorded by Margaret Thatcher in the few months just before the end of her premiership in November 1990.

These ratings are only just below the levels recorded last autumn in the aftermath of departure of sterling from the European exchange-rate mechanism and the climbdown over the threatened pit closures.

A third of Conservatives are dissatisfied. The net balance of Conservatives expressing satisfaction as opposed to dissatisfaction with Mr Major has dropped from plus 34 to plus 26 per cent over the past month.

What is particularly worrying for the Conservatives is that Mr Major has been losing support among the politically crucial C2 group, the skilled workers. Nearly four times as many of them are dissatisfied with his performance as are satisfied. These are the people on whom the Conservatives have relied heavily for their electoral successes.

A striking feature is that Mr Major's rating has improved over the past month among the ABC1 social groups and the deterioration has been entirely at the other end of the scale. This shows that Mr Major still has some way to go to achieve a classless society and underlines the divisions of Britain.

The net balance of satisfied less dissatisfied is higher among men than women (at minus 45 against minus 38 per cent); higher among 35- to 44-year-olds (at minus 50 per cent) than other age groups; and higher among working class C2DEs than middle class ABC1s (at minus 56 per cent against minus 20 per cent).

The gap is predictably wider in Scotland than in southern England (at minus 57 per cent against minus 33 per cent) and among council tenants than those who own their houses without mortgages (at minus 63 per cent against minus 20 per cent).

The government's troubles have dented Mr Major's reputation on what had been his strengths. The proportion who regard him as a capable leader has dropped from 25 to 17 per cent since last September; the number who believe that he has sound judgment is down from 12 to just 8 per cent; and those thinking he is out of touch with ordinary people is up from 32 to 46 per cent.

Senior Conservative officials were last night brushing aside the results as being of no importance at this stage in the parliament, and pointing to polls just before the general election last year which showed a Labour lead.

Dissatisfaction with the government's record in running the country now stands at 81 per cent, compared with 80 per cent a month ago. This is again near the levels of autumn last year, and is higher than during Margaret Thatcher's final months in office.

These trends have been reflected in voting intention figures. Conservative support has slipped two points over the past month to 32 per cent, while Labour has gained one point to 47 per cent and the Liberal Democrats have advanced one point to 17 per cent. The comparable figures at the general election nearly a year ago were 43 per cent for the Conservative party, 35 per cent for Labour and 18 per cent for the Liberal Democrats.

Over the past month the previous gender gap in support for the two main parties has disappeared with the Conservatives recovering among men and losing among women. The Labour party's lead among 18- to 34-year-olds has doubled to plus 20 points.

The troubles of the Conservatives and of Mr Major have not, however, much improved the standing of John Smith, the Labour leader. The net balance of those satisfied over dissatisfied with his performance has shifted from minus one points to plus two points over the past month. His rating among Labour supporters has improved from plus 26 points to plus 32 points, higher than the level of satisfaction with Mr Major among Conservative supporters.

Paddy Ashdown's personal rating as leader of the Liberal Democrats remains positive, at plus 10 points, slightly down from the plus 14 points of a month ago. He enjoys overwhelming backing from Liberal Democrat supporters, at plus 61 points.

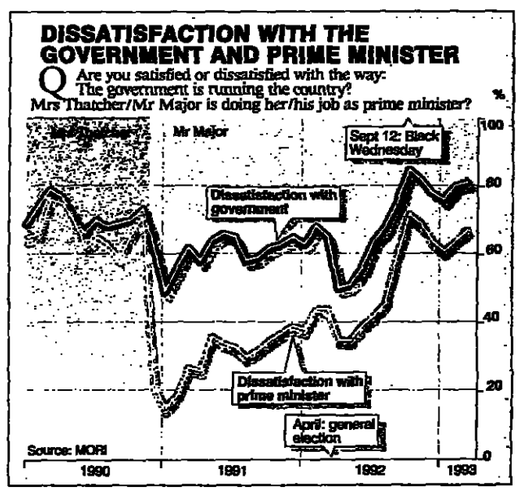
MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,908 adults aged over 18 at 147 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on March 25 to 29. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

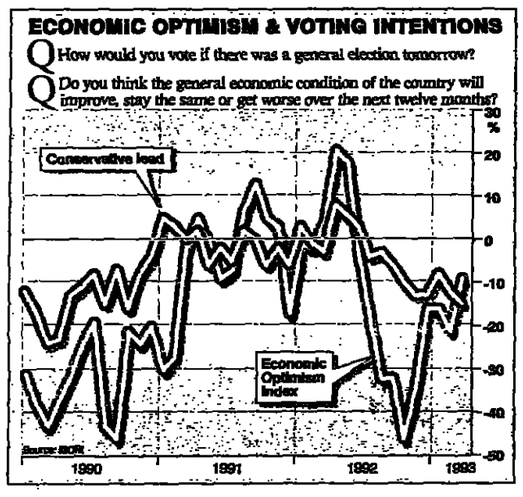
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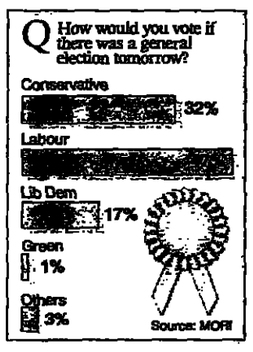
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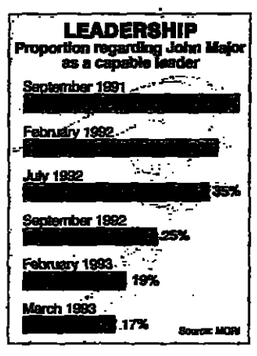


Getting the message: John Major fails to win over the nation's doubters, according to the latest opinion poll









Optimism over economy rises after Budget

The public has become less pessimistic about the economic condition of the country over the next 12 months in the aftermath of the Budget on March 16 (Peter Riddell writes).

According to the latest MORI poll, which was taken mainly over the weekend, the economic optimism index has recovered over the past month to its highest level since last June. This measures the balance of those expecting the general economic conditions to improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months.

The index is still negative, with 37 per cent expecting a deterioration against 28 per cent looking for an improvement. The net balance of minus nine points compares with minus 21 points at the end of February and a low point of minus 46 points last October after the withdrawal of sterling from the European exchange rate mechanism in mid-September.

These findings tie in with an upturn in confidence shown by recent business surveys and the latest batch of economic statistics suggesting that the recession is over and that economic recovery has begun.

The change in the economic optimism index has been most marked among men, those aged over 55 and owner-occupiers. The improvement has also been substantial in the Midlands, where the index has moved from around the levels in Scotland and the North of England to nearer the figure in South East England.

Expectations about the economy have changed right across the political spectrum, with similar changes among both Tory and Labour supporters.

Nevertheless, the improvement is only relative to the low point of last autumn and the public remains worried about the economy.

According to the survey, more than three-quarters of the public says that unemployment is among the most important issues facing Britain today, at 78 per cent against 81 per cent at the end of February.

A third of the sample also mentions the economy as a key issue.

The sharp increase in public concern about law and order, to around a third, shown in the February poll has been maintained over the past month.

The row in the Commons over the Maastricht bill has not, however, resulted in any increase in the number of people referring to the European Community as among the most important issues facing Britain. This has remained at 10 per cent over the past month, compared with 24 per cent last December, just after the European Community heads of government summit in Edinburgh.

Increase in recorded crime falls to 7%

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

RECORDED crime in England and Wales rose by about 7 per cent last year compared with increases of 16 and 17 per cent in the previous two years, according to senior police sources yesterday.

Home Office figures announced later this month will show that the steep rate of increase has slowed down to a figure closer to the trend through the 1980s of about 6 per cent each year.

The total of recorded crime will be at about 5.5 million and is likely to bring some satisfaction to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary. But there is likely to be concern at the national clear-up rate, which has already fallen in recent years from 32 per cent to 29 per cent and now has gone lower still.

One reason being put forward by senior officers is that an increasing number of forces are abandoning the system of sending officers to prisons to get offenders to admit offences that they had not previously admitted. The system has been attacked because clear-up rates can be massaged.

Kent abandoned the practice after evidence of corruption. Scotland Yard has never used the system widely and now Devon and Cornwall, Thames Valley, Avon and Somerset, Northumbria, Hampshire, Surrey and Herts have stopped the system. Many northern forces still use the visits, although inspectors of constabulary have become increasingly criticial.

The national figures will be released alongside Scotland Yard's figures. In London, the 1992 increase in recorded crime is 2 per cent compared with previous rises of about 10 per cent. The latest figures, which run for the year from February 1992 to the end of February this year, show a zero increase. London has also seen a reduction in two of the major crime categories, with burglary and vehicle thefts down between 1 per cent and 2 per cent. The clear-up rate in the capital remains at about 16 per cent and many other forces are now said to be approaching this figure.

There is no overall rule on prison visits from either the Home Office or the Association of Chief Police Officers. Some forces defend their use because detectives can gain valuable intelligence.

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Enquiry puts Smith under pressure on electoral reform

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ The Plant committee's decision to recommend only limited PR could cost Labour seats, claim some MPs

THE Labour party was yesterday embroiled in a bitter fight over a proposal by its internal enquiry on electoral reform to drop the first past the post voting system for the Commons. The Plant committee's decision to recommend a limited form of proportional representation has put John Smith under intense pressure to change Labour's policy on electing MPs.

Opponents of reform immediately accused the Plant committee of wasting time, money and energy on a "crazy" system which would never be adopted by the party once it got into power. They are to step up their campaign by sending out leaflets and holding a series of meetings and press conferences.

PR enthusiasts, warning that the committee had not gone far enough, argued that the system chosen could result in lost Labour seats in the South East and South West.

Labour's commission, chaired by Lord Plant of Highfield, and set up by Neil Kinnock two and half years ago, voted nine to seven on Wednesday night to support the supplementary vote. The narrowness of the vote reflected wide disagreement within the committee, which meets again on April 20 to finalise the report and approve the conclusions. Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader who is vigorously opposed to change, and was clearly angered by the final decision, may well insist on a minority report.

The full document will go to the national executive committee at the end of April, when John Smith is expected to make his views clear. The report, or a list of options, is then likely to go out for consultation within the party, shelving a final decision by the NEC to July or September.

Mr Smith, who is not a PR enthusiast, has insisted the issue will be settled at the party conference in September. Some shadow cabinet ministers are urging him to support a referendum on the issue after the next election.

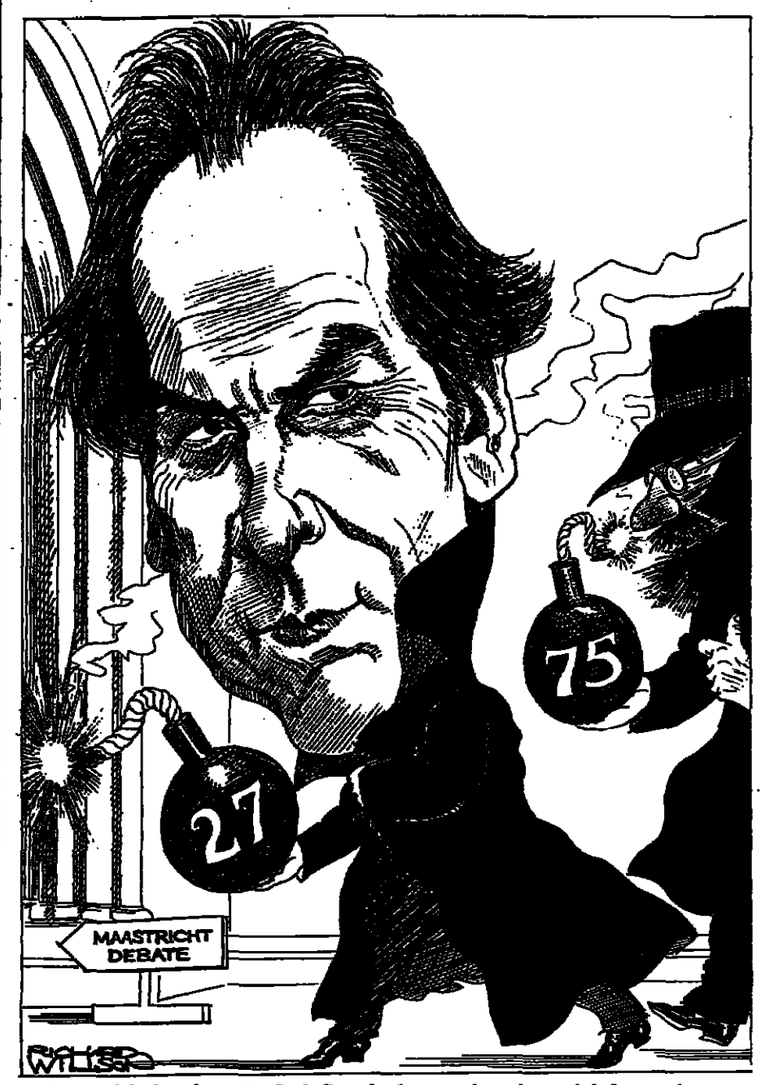
John Prescott, shadow transport secretary and an opponent of PR accused the committee of creating the maximum controversy by timing its decision so it could not be discussed by the NEC for another four weeks.

George Foulkes, shadow defence minister, was also clearly infuriated by the Plant recommendations. The Labour party clearly had to win the next election under a first past the post system, he said. "Having won that election, it seems crazy to suggest we should move towards a system which makes the continuation of that majority much less likely."

Robert Cryer, MP for Bradford South and chairman of Labour's Campaign for First Past The Post said: "A massive amount of time and energy has been thrown away considering PR by Labour fainthearts who no longer believe the party can win an overall majority under the present system."

Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for Perry Barr and an ardent PR enthusiast, surprisingly voted on Wednesday for maintaining the first past the post system, arguing that under the supplementary vote Labour would lose seats in the South East and South West. Both he and Lord Plant favoured a much stronger form of PR called the additional member system.

Under the supplementary vote scheme, the electorate vote in order of preference. If no one secures 50 per cent of the vote outright, the votes of all those but the first two are shared between the two leaders. The draft report did not particularly favour this system, but this section of the document is to be rewritten. Pro-reformers are expected to argue for the supplementary vote to be topped up by a regional list.



Maastricht bombers: Dr Jack Cunningham revives the social chapter issue

Labour tries to reopen social chapter debate

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR leaders are to make a fresh attempt to allow MPs a vote on a critical social chapter amendment to the Maastricht bill. Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, is to see Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker shortly after Easter recess to ask him to reconsider his surprise decision earlier this week to refuse a vote on amendment 27.

Although Dr Cunningham protested about the decision at the time, Tory Eurosceptics believe that Opposition leaders were secretly relieved that the amendment was to be dropped. The affair has soured relations between the two sides, and leading Tory dissidents said yesterday that they suspected Dr Cunningham's decision to mount a fresh appeal stemmed from their allegations of a "stitch-up" between the two front benches.

Dr Cunningham, who denies that he has connived at the dropping of the amendment, said yesterday: "It is my intention to press for a vote on amendment 27."

Attention at Westminster had shifted to a new Labour amendment on the social chapter, number 75, whose proponents describe as a "ticking timebomb" under the government's hopes of ratifying the treaty without incorporation of the charter on workers' rights.

Several leading Tory dissidents say that they continue to believe that 27 is a far more dangerous weapon. They say that if it were passed it would raise serious doubts over the government's legal right to approve the spending of taxpayer's money by the other 11 member states in operating the social chapter. The creation of such a "financial gap" between the legislature and the executive would, they believe, open the door to a legal challenge to the government in the courts.

The Tory rebels are increasingly coming to see the Danish referendum on May 18 as their only real hope of blocking the treaty. They believe that if they could time a legal challenge to coincide with the run-up to the Danish vote, the resultant headlines about British doubts about ratification could help to tip the balance.

The rebels are reluctant to vote for an amendment, such as 75, which would trigger a later motion directly on the merits of the social chapter. They expect the government to make any such vote one of confidence. They say that the same constraints do not apply to 27. After the government U-turn on the legal impact of 27, ministers have said that the amendment would not put the social chapter in the treaty.

Welsh valleys get another £1bn tonic

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FURTHER £1 billion of taxpayers' money is to be pumped into reviving the industrial wastelands of the Welsh valleys. David Hunt announced yesterday as he forged ahead with the interventionist economic and social policies pioneered by Lord Walker, his predecesor.

The Welsh secretary said the valleys initiative, begun in 1988, had made great strides in regenerating the small, isolated towns of a region blighted by the decline of traditional smokestack industries. More than 2,000 acres of derelict land had been cleared and unemployment had bucked the rising national trend over the five years of the original programme.

Mr Hunt had decided to extend it for another five years, shifting the emphasis to partnerships with local groups and closer ties with Europe.

Labour, however, dismissed the new programme as "superficial and cosmetic", prompting a clash between the Welsh secretary and Paul Murphy, his Opposition frontbench shadow. Mr Hunt said it was a measure of Labour's economic illiteracy that it was prepared to dismiss so large a sum of money. Mr Murphy, while welcoming parts of the package, said he suspected Mr Hunt was merely repackaging money already committed to projects such as new roads and hospitals.

Key elements include building "industrial villages" to bring jobs closer to local people, new community hospitals at Ebbw Vale and Torfaen, upgrading road and rail links, developing an "urban village" on the site of the Ebbw Vale national garden festival, and creating some 36 sporting centres of excellence. All serious derelict sites would be cleared over the next three years.

But Mr Murphy questioned the successes claimed for the programme. It had failed to produce the promised levels of inward investment and new jobs and, contrary to Mr Hunt's figures, unemployment in the region had risen by 12 per cent over five years.

Lords set to ban caning

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lords looks set to ban corporal punishment in all independent schools following a recent European court case. Senior peers on all sides of the upper House have tabled an amendment to the Education Bill, for debate later this month, extending the abolition to all types of school.

As the peers took the lead in outlawing corporal punishment in state schools in 1986, Lords sources predict the amendment will get through, making it hard for the government to resist.

The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg voted five to four last week against a claim that the British government breached the human rights of a seven-year-old boy who was beaten with a gym shoe three times by his headmaster. The decision in the case involving Jeremy Costello-Roberts at Barnstaple boarding school in Devon allows the few independent schools still using corporal punishment to continue.

Lord Henderson of Brompton, who successfully led the campaign to ban corporal punishment in state schools, said yesterday he believed his amendment would be passed. "The climate has changed dramatically since then. After the passing of the earlier legislation, most of those private schools which argued for retaining corporal punishment actually stopped practising it."

Ministers want to give parents the choice of sending their children to independent schools which still cane.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Cash for parties opposed

John Major yesterday made it clear that he is opposed to the state funding of political parties. Asked at question time to welcome the proposed enquiry into their funding, to be undertaken by the home affairs select committee, the prime minister said the Conservatives would submit a memorandum and would be available to give oral evidence. "We have always said we are consistently opposed to state aid for political parties."

Parties in the Commons already get some state assistance based on their votes at the election.

Labour list

Labour will tonight complete the line-up of main party candidates for the Newbury by-election when local party members choose from a shortlist of three. Two have previously fought elections for the party.

Jeannie Evans, 39, a teacher, stood at Sevenoaks in the general election last year, and Stephen Billcliffe, 42, a marketing manager for Unity Trust bank, contested Wealden, East Sussex, having previously stood at Suffolk South. The third candidate is Helen Findlay, 38, editor of the Cohse newspaper.

Row fuelled

Norman Lamont infuriated Labour MPs by refusing to exempt standing charges on fuel bills from the VAT to be imposed from next April. Labour MPs complained that the impost would do nothing for the environment, as is the intention of VAT on fuel.

In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Adjournment debates on various topics.

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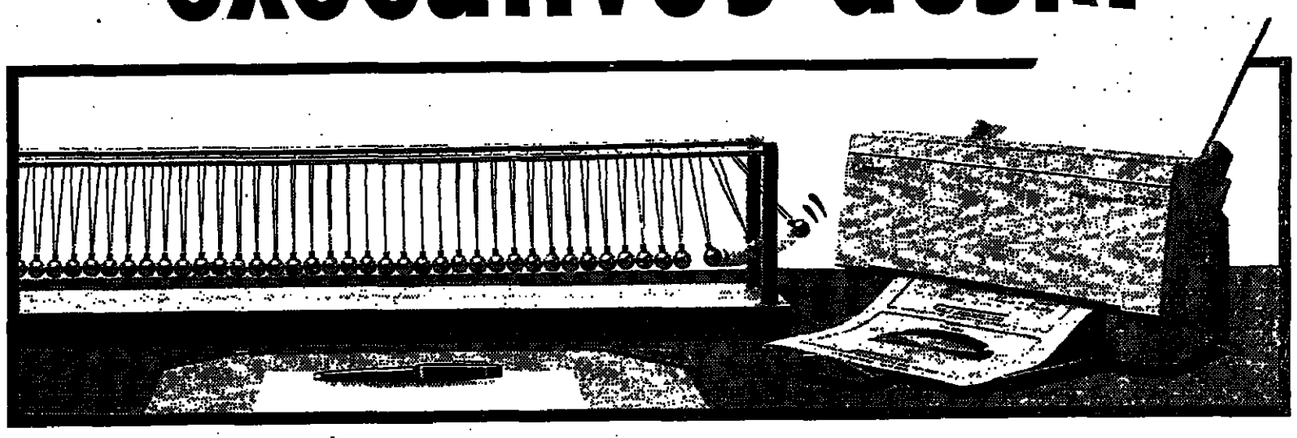
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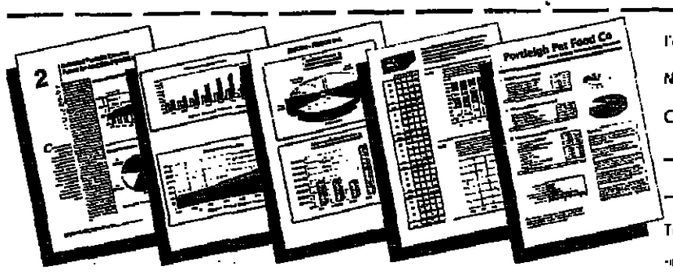
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Atomic powers warn North Korea to abide by arms treaty

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

OUTRAGE at North Korea's suspected nuclear arms programme increased sharply yesterday, with the Pyongyang regime facing double condemnation for its decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Britain, Russia and America — the treaty's guarantors — said Pyongyang's pullout would "constitute a serious threat to regional and international stability". At the same time, the International Atomic Energy Agency declared Pyongyang to be in violation of an agreement on safeguarding nuclear materials, and referred the issue to the United Nations Security Council.

The board of the atomic agency was summoned after North Korea failed to meet Wednesday's deadline to allow international inspection of two sites at its Yongbyon nuclear complex where it is suspected of developing nuclear weapons. The Pyongyang regime denies it is building atomic bombs, but Hans Blix, the agency's director-general, said yesterday that it had satellite evidence indicating that there was nuclear waste at the two sites.

North Korea remained defiant, however, calling the agency's action unjust and a wanton violation of its sovereignty. The regime last month went on a "semi-war" footing during joint US-South Korean military manoeuvres and has spoken of "strong countermeasures" against Washington and its allies if trade sanctions were imposed.

In London, the Foreign Office said in a statement, also released in Washington and Moscow, that the three governments supported the agency's decision to refer the issue to the UN. North Korea's withdrawal "would jeopardise stability on the Korean peninsula, which has improved in recent years, and undermine efforts to implement the North-South Joint Declaration on Denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula", the statement said. It added: "We urge [North Korea] to retract its announcement [of withdrawal] and to comply fully with its treaty commitments and its safeguards obligations, which remain in force."

The agency's board of governors, after a two-day meeting in Vienna, said that it had not been able to verify whether North Korea was diverting atomic materials to develop nuclear weapons, but demanded that Pyongyang grant immediate access to more information and allow inspection of the two sites.

David Kyd, chief spokesman for the agency, said: "The stakes are very high. In 1995, the treaty comes up for review over extension, perhaps indefinitely. North Korea's very grave step may tempt other countries to follow suit."

He added: "Here we have a small country in a sensitive part of the world cutting itself free of obligations not to build a nuclear bomb. All this at a time when America and Russia are trying to scale down their nuclear arsenals."

It is not clear what the UN can do to make North Korea allow inspections. China, a permanent member of the security council, has so far protected North Korea from tough action and is believed to be under pressure to support a possible UN sanctions resolution. A softer resolution, calling on Pyongyang to reverse its stand and abide by its treaty obligations, is likely to be tabled next week.

Japan's largest opposition party, the Socialists, said yesterday it would send a delegation this week to Pyongyang to try to persuade North Korea not to withdraw from the treaty, a decision the regime took last month and which becomes effective in June.

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Hong Kong adviser accused of betrayal



Angry send-off: Sir David Akers-Jones, a former colonial chief secretary, is surrounded by student protesters as he leaves Hong Kong airport for Peking under a police escort yesterday. Sir David and other prominent Hong Kong personalities appointed as advisers to China were jostled by demonstrators who accused them of selling out Hong Kong interests (Jonathan Braude writes). Sir David, the first Briton to be appointed, has criticised Chris Patten, the governor, for his attempts to bring greater democracy to Hong Kong before the colony's 1997 return to China. Yesterday Mr Patten arrived in Brussels for talks with European Community officials.

Last month Sir David resigned as chairman of the housing authority, amid accusations that his actions were inappropriate to his position. One former member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council said: "He should not have accepted Peking's offer at this time when relations are so strained. Peking will surely use him for their own propaganda."

A number of past and present legislators have accepted appointments as advisers, but there are no liberals among them. Sir David's views are moderate compared with some of his fellow advisers, who say China should set up a committee to begin assuming government powers in Hong Kong. The appointment of former civil servants as advisers has aroused apprehension as well as anger in Hong Kong, with suggestions that for men once privy to government files to be so close to China could put security at risk.

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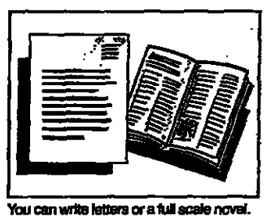
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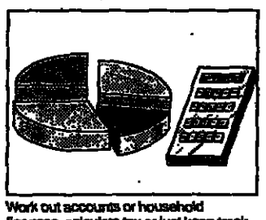
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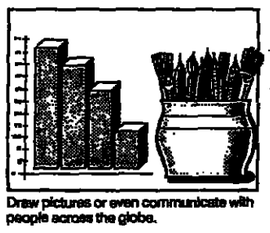
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Victorious general to dissect defeat

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

After leading US forces to victory in the Gulf war, General Norman Schwarzkopf will return to Vietnam today to examine just what went wrong during the Americans' long campaign there.

"Stormin' Norman", who won the first of his three silver stars as a young army major in Vietnam, is due to arrive in Hanoi to make an hour-long CBS television documentary on the Vietnam war. It will be his first trip to the country since the victory of the North Vietnamese after more than a decade of intense jungle warfare against American troops, and has been approved by the Hanoi government, apparently as part of its long campaign to improve relations with its old enemy.

The resulting documentary could shed much light on how much American military doctrine has changed since it became mired in Indochina. The general has blamed America's defeat in Vietnam on hostile public opinion rather than the military.

As a young officer, the general served two tours of duty in Vietnam, where he was wounded by shrapnel while rescuing a soldier from a minefield. He won his first silver star when, in August 1965, he led 1,000 South Vietnamese paratroopers on a mission to save a besieged military base at Duc Co near the Cambodian border, a site he is expected to revisit during his two-week trip.

Since the end of the Gulf war, Gen Schwarzkopf has become a national celebrity in America as the first US general to win a major war outright since the second world war.

Turning down lucrative offers to work for a Pentagon defence contractor, or to become a consultant for American arms manufacturers in the Arab world, or even to endorse household products in advertisements, the general retired from the military and settled down in a luxurious home in Florida to write his memoirs. *It Doesn't Take a Hero* earnt him an advance of $6 million (£4 million) and quickly became a bestseller.

Although he admits to having been a liberal and an admirer of President Kennedy, readers searching for anti-war sentiment will look in vain in the 530-page book. Like most Vietnam veterans, the general is angered by anti-war protesters, including even one of his own sisters.


Schwarzkopf: return approved by Hanoi

After the Gulf war, Gen Schwarzkopf also became a consultant to CBS television news, where he has so far presented two popular war documentaries: *Year of the Generals* and *Remember Pearl Harbor*.

For his trip to Vietnam he has teamed up with another Vietnam veteran, Dan Rather, the long-time CBS newscaster, who was the head of the television network's Saigon bureau in 1965 and 1966.

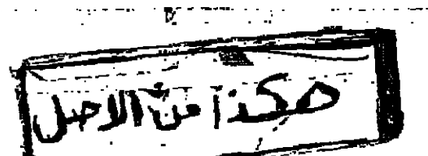
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'An anti-Western minority, led by Iran, stirs up unrest by exploiting the difficulties of Arab nations'

Mubarak puts Tehran and Khartoum on warning list

The Egyptian president talks to ***Richard Owen***, Foreign Editor, about attempts to destabilise his country by Islamic fundamentalists



ALAN WELLER

I accuse: President Mubarak of Egypt, during his interview in London, pointing the finger of blame at Tehran and other regimes for the religious unrest in his country. "We are capable of creating problems in Iran in return," he said. "We could do it. We have ways and means. But we are not that kind of people, we are peaceful."

President Mubarak has blamed Iran and Sudan for fomenting violence by Islamic militants in an attempt to undermine his moderate, pro-Western government and destabilise Egypt as "the main pillar of peace" in the region. He warned Tehran that Egypt had ways of striking back, and told Khartoum that he would "not sit on folded hands" if Iran used Sudan as a base for military operations. Egypt had identified 17 terrorist training camps in Sudan, he said.

Mr Mubarak, who yesterday met John Major and tomorrow flies to Washington for talks with President Clinton, is clearly angered by recent attacks on tourists and foreigners in Egypt — and by the adverse publicity they have generated. "So many rumours, so much propaganda against Egypt these days," he said. "I cannot understand why. What is happening in Egypt is less than in many other countries, including Britain. Egypt is very safe for tourists. I myself have been to Luxor and Aswan, without security. The people whose livelihoods depend on tourism are furious and would like to kill the terrorists. But we adhere to the law. I am trying to teach people that democracy and rule of law are stronger than dictatorship."

Mr Mubarak insists that Egypt is a strong and stable player in the Middle East, aiming to ensure that the Middle East peace talks in Washington resume as planned on April 20, despite the clash over Israel's deportation of Palestinian Islamic activists to Lebanon. "We do not want to lose the momentum. If we delay the talks from April to another month, the Americans will get fed up, all the other parties will get fed up, and the complications will increase." Mr Mubarak last week met President Assad of Syria and Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and wants to meet Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, "to find something to encourage the Palestinians to return to the talks". He hinted that the Palestinians, who have demanded Israeli assurances that deportations will not occur again, might be persuaded to accept an Israeli statement that deportations were exceptional. "Mr Rabin has already said that what happened was an extraordinary act, not a normal act .... but I do not want to create embarrassment or problems for him. He is a very good man."



Rabin: Egyptian leader wants to meet him

Mr Mubarak, a powerfully built, ebullient former air force commander who has held office since the assassination of President Sadat in October 1981, paints a picture of the Middle East in which the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty which Sadat negotiated — and for which, arguably, he died — remains the cornerstone of regional stability. The Arab world is divided, not only by the Israeli issue but also by the differences that tore Islamic countries apart during the Gulf war with Saddam Hussein. For Mr Mubarak there is a majority, led by Egypt, and a troublesome anti-Western minority, led by Iran, which stirs up unrest by exploiting the difficulties of those Arab nations that are trying to wean their people away from authoritarian rule in favour of democracy and economic reform. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, this week signalled a US tilt against Tehran by branding Iran an international outlaw.

Mr Mubarak said: "When I took office in 1981 I met hellish problems — the economy, infrastructure, everything was in a mess. I am not saying my predecessor made mistakes: Egypt had suffered four wars, after all. But we had to make economic reforms, which took a lot of money, a lot of debts. We are not a rich country." Egypt receives more than $2 billion (£1.33 billion) a year in American aid, and has asked the International Monetary Fund not to impose too strict conditions on further aid. "Sewage was running on the streets of Cairo. We were in a mess. I told the people very clearly, in language they could understand: we have to take some very bitter medicine, otherwise we will die." The lifting of subsidies on basic commodities has caused social unrest over the years, and Mr Mubarak admits there were "social side effects. The Iranians, and some others, seized the opportunity to create problems for us."

Egyptian Islamic fanatics who had been fighting for the Mujahidin in Afghanistan were trained "to do dirty work against us" after the Afghan war ended. "These people used to get 1,500 dollars a month in Peshawar [in Pakistan], full board — clothing, food, as if in a hotel. Now they take small amounts of money — 30, 40, 50 dollars — to throw a bomb here, make some explosions there."

Since last summer, when the first attacks on foreign tourists in Egupt were launched at Karnak, there have been repeated bomb attacks, including explosions at the pyramids and the Cairo museum. Egypt's tourist revenues have plummeted, and there have been attacks on foreign residents and their families. Some of the extreme Islamic groups, notably el-Gamaa el-Islamiya, owe alliegance to Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the cleric who urges Arabs on to acts of extremism from exile in America and has been linked to the World Trade Centre bombing in New York in February. The group is also alleged to receive Saudi support, and to have used Sudan, Algeria (which last week broke off relations with Iran), Tunisia and Libya as havens.

The president dismisses suggestions that the campaign to overthrow him and create a radical Islamic republic in Egypt could ever succeed. "My government is very strong. We are a cornerstone in the area. We have the support of the whole country, except for some people who do not understand the situation, who are being paid money. Who is this Abdel-Rahman? I had no idea who he was until I saw him on CNN. He is just insulting his country. He is not a nationalist."

Can Egypt counteract a campaign which has the backing of Iran, a country with ambitions as a regional super power? "Iran thinks it can destabilise our country. But it will be difficult for them. Besides, we are capable of creating problems in Iran in return. We could do it. We have ways and means. But we are not that kind of people, we are peaceful, we do not like bloodshed. Even the militants who are being used against us are innocents. They are brainwashed and told that Mubarak's government is not Muslim. Hah! We are better Muslims than the Iranians are."

As for Sudan, which borders on Egypt and has strong ties to Tehran, Mr Mubarak said there were 30 terrorist training camps in Sudan disguised as working farms, "and we know 17 of them". Because they were large cultivated areas rather than barracks, it was difficult to take action. "Whenever you say 'you have terrorist camps' they say 'no, come and see, you will just see workers in the fields'. So I am leaving them alone — but I am watching them."

Does he ever worry that his stand against militants bearing bombs and guns might bring him the kind of retribution that killed Sadat? Mr Mubarak smiles philosophically, and recalls that he was sitting next to Sadat when the assassins struck. "I do not fear death. If President Mubarak left the scene, the next president would not bend his neck either. As a military man, I have already met death several times. I am not afraid. Our life is but a short trip through this world: we should understand this".

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Militant campaign drives tourists from pyramids

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN GIZA

HAMDI Khatab, a tour guide sat disconsolately in the shadow of the Great Pyramid of Cheops and looked skywards with a gesture of resignation mixed with anger. "Maybe tomorrow Allah will bring us back some tourists, otherwise how is my family going to eat?" he asked.

"The men who did this are not real Muslims, they are evil and should be shot," he said of Egypt's most active militant group, el-Gamaa el-Islamiya (Islamic Group). The group's "Just Punishment Unit" yesterday claimed responsibility for the bomb blast on Tuesday at the Pyramid of Chephren, in which two Egyptians were injured.

Mr Khatab and his fellow guides were scornful about the government's unsuccessful attempt to blame the explosion on an electrical short circuit, a contention flawed by the subsequent arrest of more than 40 suspects in connection with the blast. "It was a bomb, not a big bomb but we all heard the sound," Mr Khatab said.

"Before there were 15 or 20 buses every day in the park next to the Pyramid of Chephren (in whose musty burial chamber the bomb exploded) and now there are none. It is filled with police cars," Mr Khatab added.

Rattled by the damaging world publicity arising from an attack at the heart of the last of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Egyptian government has imposed a security dragnet at the Giza plateau. The handful of foreigners still willing to brave the climb down to the Pyramid of Chephren's claustrophobic tomb were rigorously searched. Some Russian tourists turned away in surprise when told they were being frisked for explosives.

Jim Browning, 25, a student from Wales, was worried about the 4,500-year-old pyramids than any risk to himself. "Coaches are bad enough, vibrating the stones. I would hate to think what damage bombs would do," he said.

On the road leading to the Sphinx an ugly 12ft metal barrier has been hastily erected, apparently to facilitate the search for car bombs and to deflect any blast away from the monument. "Before we used to have foreigners of every nationality, now most of the people here are Egyptians. I believe the government has bused them in so it does not look too empty," Muhammad, a driver, said.

All the terrace tables at the Sphinx House restaurant, overlooking the enigmatic monument, were deserted, silent witness to the deterrent effect of a bomb at such a spectacular location. Although many Egyptians express contempt that their ancient pyramids should have been selected as a terrorist target, journalists who attended a press conference given by the Islamic Group last year recalled one leader's warning: "The pharaonic sites are pagan remains. They must be destroyed."

The damaging psychological effect of the unprecedented explosion at the pyramids this week was reinforced by the militant group's latest statement giving a "final warning" to all foreigners. "El-Gamaa el-Islamiya urges tourists and investors to leave the country from now because time does not allow for more warnings," a communiqué sent on Wednesday said.

Sudan conflict

Rebel infighting forces UN to scale down relief effort

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

FIGHTING between rival factions of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army forced a scaling down of United Nations relief efforts in Sudan yesterday as the founder of the rebel movement, Colonel John Garang, was looking increasingly isolated.

Attacks by Col Garang's "Torit faction" of the rebel army on his enemies led by Riak Machar, in Kongor, Waat, Ayod, and Yuai this week were intended to prevent Mr Machar's "Nasir faction" from forming an alliance with members of Col Garang's Dinka ethnic group. However, rather than driving a wedge between the Nuer supporters of Mr Machar and Dinka elements in Kongor, Col Garang has apparently strengthened their resolve to remove him from the picture in southern Sudan.

UN aid workers have been pulled out of Ayod. Waat and Yuai and are flying food in on a daily basis, no longer staying overnight because of fears of further attacks.

The SPLA has been fighting against the rule of the predominantly Arabic-speaking north since 1983. In 1991 Mr Machar split with Col Garang after a clash of personalities and because Dr Garang refused to endorse secessionism. Since then Dr Garang has also lost the support of one his most important lieutenants, Timothy Nyoung, who this week allied himself with Mr Machar and 12 members of Col Garang's staff who recently escaped from one of his prisons.

Col Garang comes from Kongor, on the banks of the White Nile, but the Dinka people in the area welcomed the Nuer leader, Mr Machar, before they were attacked by Dr Garang's forces. At least 45 people died in the assault on Kongor and one French employee with the UN's World Food Programme narrowly escaped death — as did Mr Machar's wife.

The Khartoum government has appealed for international pressure on the warring factions of the rebel army to observe a ceasefire before the peace talks between the north and south. The call, which came soon after Washington said that the south was facing a famine in which hundreds of thousands could die, seemed a sign that the various belligerents would endorse a plan to set up safe havens for civilians.



Al-Bashir: supports Libya on extradition

After the attack on Kongor, Col Garang's faction accused the UN of giving logistical support to Mr Machar and said aid workers were covertly helping him. The UN's Operation Lifeline Sudan denied the accusation.

But Col Garang's faction say that UN workers could be at risk if they are caught in areas controlled by their enemies during further fighting. The thinly veiled threat comes less than six months after three aid workers and a Norwegian journalist were murdered in an area under Col Garang's control.

UN relief officials say about three million people are now in need of aid in southern Sudan and that 75,000 of them are in areas where UN staff could no longer stay. The United States Agency for International Aid said yesterday that 80 per cent of children in the Kongor area were malnourished and "near death" and bitterly criticised the assault on the town. American aid officials, concerned with suffering in the south, have aimed their criticism at fighting among the rebel forces rather than at Khartoum.

Washington has recently threatened to designate the government of Sudan, led by the fundamentalist National Islamic Front, as a state sponsoring terrorism. President al-Bashir has supported Libya's refusal to extradite two suspects in the Lockerbie bombing.

☐ **Mogadishu:** Somalia's warring factions have ruled that groups violating a ceasefire accord will face stiff penalties, a UN spokesman said yesterday. All aid would be denied. *(Reuter)*

Top PLO official is shot dead in Beirut

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GUNMEN yesterday assassinated Colonel Ihsan Muhammad Salem, the top official in Beirut of Fatah, the mainstream movement of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Two men carrying pistols shot Col Salem four times in the head as he walked near his home in the suburb of Talet al-Kayyat. Salem, 45, better known by his nom de guerre of Yunis Awad, died instantly. The gunmen escaped on foot.

The killing was the tenth this year in the power struggle in Lebanon between Fatah, led by Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, and the radical Fatah Revolutionary Council, headed by Abu Nidal. Yasser Abed Rabbo, a PLO executive committee member, said during a stopover at Beirut airport on his way from Jordan to Tunis that no group stood to gain from the inter-Palestinian feud. "These murders must be stopped. They serve no-one," he said.

In Jerusalem yesterday a European Community delegation denounced the recent surge in violence and sought to persuade the Palestinians to return to the Middle East peace talks.

Israeli troops yesterday enforced a full closure of the occupied territories. The Israeli media said the measure would remain in effect until after the week-long Passover holiday starting on Monday.

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Talks on new South Africa stutter back into life

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AFTER a delay of 11 months, multiparty negotiations finally began again yesterday when delegates representing 26 conflicting interests, ethnic groups, political parties and power blocs resumed the process of creating a new non-racial democracy in South Africa.

In spite of agreeing on a formal structure for the negotiating process, however, the delegates have not been able to agree any concrete steps forward. Even the name of the new forum, a question that was referred to a sub-committee three weeks ago, has not been agreed; yesterday's meeting again put off a decision.

In fact, almost all the difficult decisions left over from a planning conference held at the beginning of last month have been put off again for negotiation in a less public forum. Even so, the committees that have been sitting in private since the last meeting have not been able to reach agreement on who should take part in the meeting, or even what criteria should be used to judge their eligibility to do so.

Last May the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) came to a halt ostensibly because of a row over the size of the majorities that would be needed in a constituent assembly to alter the existing constitution. In reality the process broke down because of unresolved conflicts over whether the white government was going to share power with the black liberation movements or was prepared to hand over power entirely.

This and other fundamental decisions have still not been made, but differences between the two sides have been refined. Much more common ground has been identified.

The negotiating process was called off altogether after the Boipatong massacre last June and it was not until September, after the Bisho massacre, that the African National Congress felt able to talk again to the government. Since then, bilateral meetings between the ANC and the government, and between each of them and such groups as the Inkatha Freedom Party and the governments of the semi-independent black homelands have brought the multiparty talks back into being.

The main achievement of yesterday's meeting was to approve a four-tier negotiating structure. At the top will be a plenary session to be attended by presidents and party leaders and will give a ceremonial formality to the adoption of agreements.

The next tier down will be the negotiating forum (which met yesterday). This is in fact too unwieldy to achieve any serious negotiating but provides a platform for televised public speech-making. It will refer all difficult decisions to the third and most important tier, the negotiating council, which will be in session for three or four days a week from now on.

This is the forum where the really hard bargaining will be done. Ten of its members will form the fourth negotiating tier, a planning committee that will try to find ingenious ways out of constitutional tangles. The main committee will have the advice of ad hoc technical committees delegated to pursue individual problems.

Yesterday the new forum did manage to pass a resolution condemning the violence that is engulfing the country and culminated in a series of apparently random attacks by black gunmen on white civilians in the Johannesburg area and the northeastern Cape province. Even this resolution provoked controversy, merely mandating the subordinate negotiating council urgently to establish what steps are needed to resolve the issues causing the violence.

Government ministers called on the conference to disbar from future sessions all those who declined to sign the National Peace Accord. Leon Wessels, a representative of the ruling National Party, wondered if the Pan Africanist Congress could be taken seriously since it supports a resolution that commits it to "work relentlessly" to end violence, but whose military wing claims responsibility for the deaths of civilians.



Showing solidarity: Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the ANC, lends his support to members of the organisation's women's league demonstrating outside the talks in Johannesburg yesterday to protest against the exclusion of women from the negotiations

Clinton courts Cuomo's advice

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

President Clinton will have a unique chance to reverse the right-wing drift of America's powerful Supreme Court later this spring with the nomination of a new justice to replace the retiring Byron White, one of the court's staunch conservatives.

Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York, is considered to be the frontrunner, but the White House insists that no decision has been made on the nomination. But in Washington there is a general belief that only two factors could now stand in Mr Cuomo's way: one is the governor himself, who has a reputation of



Cuomo: opposed to the death penalty

changing his mind at the last minute, although this time he is known to be keen on the job. The second factor is his opposition to the death penalty, which may prove to be a stumbling block.

What counts in his favour is his intellectual ability and his legal background as a former law professor. He is also the only man whom Mr Clinton publicly referred to during his presidential campaign as possessing the qualities to be a great judge.

Cynics claim that Mr Cuomo's elevation to the Supreme Court would remove a potential rival to Mr Clinton in the 1996 presidential election. However, given Mr Cuomo's dithering approach to the last election campaign, the 60-year-old governor is no longer considered a serious candidate for any job other than the one that he presently holds or that of a Supreme Court justice.

The replacement of Justice White by Justice Cuomo would swing the nine-justice Supreme Court's voting trend slightly towards the left, and end the strong rightward drift during the years of Presidents Bush and Reagan. But experience has shown that a justice's voting record is prone to change over time.

The pressure on Mr Clinton to appoint a woman justice or a representative from a minority group has also lessened after his nomination of Janet Reno to the attorney-general's post.

Mr Clinton has the unique opportunity to influence the make-up of the Supreme Court since at least two more Justices, Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens, will certainly retire during his presidential term. They are both considered to be liberals: so their eventual replacement with like-minded people is unlikely to change the balance of power. But the replacement of Justice White might.

The best choice for the president is to nominate a justice with sufficient intellectual strength to counter the court's most effective conservative thinker, Justice Antonin Scalia, a Reagan appointee. In Mr Cuomo, who is also an Italian-American from Queens, the match may have been found.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tyson 'to convert to Islam'

New York: One year into his six-year sentence for rape, Mike Tyson may be poised to follow in the footsteps of Muhammed Ali, the former heavyweight champion, by embracing the Islamic faith (Ben Macintyre writes).

Tyson will shortly change his name to Malik Abdul Aziz, according to the *New York Post*. Ali, who changed his name from Cassius Clay in 1964, said at a ceremony at the UN yesterday: "I am behind Mike 100 per cent. All praises are due to Allah."

Rebels attack

Phnom Penh: Suspected Khmer Rouge guerrillas killed 26 people and wounded 20 in a rifle and rocket attack on a village in central Cambodia, a UN official said. *(Reuter)*

Fatal stunt

Wilmington: Brandon Lee, 28, son of the late Bruce Lee, the martial arts film star, was killed filming a stunt in North Carolina. He died after being struck by a "bullet-like object" fired from what should have been a blank cartridge. *(AFP)*



Yeltsin drops referendum to focus attack on parliament

■ Unless the constitutional court rules in his favour, politically the president will be no better off than he was two weeks ago. An autumn election points a way out

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin surrendered another trick in his power game with the Russian parliament yesterday when he decided not to try to hold his referendum on April 25, alongside the one being organised by parliament. However, he is continuing to challenge the terms of parliament's referendum before the constitutional court.

Mikhail Poltoranin, the president's information chief, told the press that Mr Yeltsin has decided to contest the parliamentary referendum, despite it being weighted against him. Parliament retained Mr Yeltsin's proposal of a vote of confidence in his presidency, but dropped his question on the bases of the new constitution, replacing it with one on approval for Mr Yeltsin's unpopular economic policies. Mr Yeltsin made his decision not to hold his own poll on the advice of most of his dwindling block of parliamentary supporters. They also issued a warning that two referendums on the same day would virtually ensure that voters would stay away in bewilderment and disgust.

Russia's smaller, standing parliament, the Supreme Soviet, yesterday discussed the terms of the referendum laid down on Monday by the full parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies. Two of these conditions may be struck down by the constitutional court: apart from the violation of the 30-day notice period, congress laid down that a 'yes' vote must gain an absolute majority of registered voters, not just those voting. Most observers consider that the latter condition would make it difficult for Mr Yeltsin to win.

Nikolai Ryabov, deputy chairman of parliament, implicitly recognised that the congress's conditions were legally wrong when he suggested that the Supreme Soviet simply change the law to suit the conditions that it itself had illegally laid down. A majority of deputies however rejected such a blatant step, instead leaving the decision to the constitutional court.

The court is also debating the legality of three of Mr Yeltsin's moves last week. These include Mr Yeltsin's initial assumption of special presidential powers, a move immediately criticised by Valeri Zorkin, the constitutional court chairman.

Unless Mr Yeltsin can win a complete victory before the constitutional court, the events of the past week will have left him no better off than he was before he launched his dramatic initiative two weeks ago. Even if he gets a public vote of confidence in the referendum, this may be largely cancelled out by denunciation of his policies.

More and more people on both sides are coming round to the idea of early elections in the autumn as offering the only way out of the crisis.

☐ **Not amused:** Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary chairman, reacted huffily to an April Fool's day report in *Moskovsky Komsomolets* yesterday, which portrayed his apartment as a marble palace. Most Russians believe that since Mr Khasbulatov has moved into the flat of Leonid Brezhnev, the former Soviet leader, the popular newspaper's report was probably merely an exaggeration of the truth.



Between the lines: deputies assessing the latest political news yesterday as they voted for the constitutional court to review President Yeltsin's decrees. The president is challenging the parliamentary referendum

Clinton rallies aid for Russia

Washington: President Clinton last night launched a campaign to rally a sceptical American public behind the aid package he will offer President Yeltsin in Vancouver at the weekend (Martin Fletcher writes). Mr Clinton declared that aid was "not an act of charity. It is an investment in our future."

With polls showing up to 75 per cent of Americans opposed to extra aid, which could amount to $1 billion (£667 million) for Russia, Mr Clinton was expected to use a speech in Annapolis, Maryland, to argue that an outlay now would reap lasting dividends in lower defence spending and expanded business.

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Scalfaro: seeking a new government for Italy

Mafia link to judges investigated

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRESIDENT Scalfaro struggled yesterday to break a deadlock in the Italian political crisis as an investigation began into alleged links between the Mafia and judges in Naples.

He summoned Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat party secretary, to try to persuade him to accept a broad-based government led by Giorgio Napolitano, the lower house speaker and a former Communist, to replace Giuliano Amato's administration. Signor Martinazzoli appeared unenthusiastic.

In the latest twist to the corruption scandal, the magistrates' ruling body formally advised two senior judges in the Naples area that they are under investigation on suspicion of collusion with the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Mafia.

In Rome yesterday, fighting started outside parliament as about 100 members of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement youth wing blocked the entrance to MPs.

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Hurd opens new French chapter

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, flies to Paris this morning to meet the Gaullist foreign minister, Alain Juppé, with the new French conservative government signalling its determination to make relations with Bonn central to its diplomacy.

In today's *Le Figaro*, Mr Hurd says "the election of a new government in France opens a new chapter" in Anglo-French relations. Mr Hurd was not expected to devote much time to the current fishing dispute, preferring to focus on Maastricht and international issues such as Bosnia and aid to Russia.

In *Le Figaro*, Mr Hurd pressed Britain's concern to see France move ahead towards implementing the Maastricht treaty and on lifting trade barriers. Britain and other EC members were concerned during the French election campaign by the hostility of Gaullist leaders towards the farm accords between the Community and America, and towards the recent reform of the common agricultural policy. Their worries have been eased by the pro-European look of the cabinet, but a big question remains over how it will reconcile election pledges to farmers and fishermen with its wishes for EC harmony.

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, and M Juppé say they want to reinforce ties with Germany, but French feathers were ruffled when Bonn asked M Balladur to wait until April 22 for a first meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, now on his annual spa holiday. M Juppé meets Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, next week.

Tajik forces take control of south

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

THE government of Tajikistan announced yesterday that its forces have taken full control of the southern region where two of its top commanders killed each other in a gunfight earlier this week.

The deaths, and the threat of open conflict between the two men's followers, have thrown the Tajik government forces into confusion at a moment when they are facing the likelihood of an offensive from Islamic opposition forces based in Afghanistan. Reinforcing the threat, an opposition force yesterday attacked a Russian border post, but was beaten off.

One of the commanders killed was Sangak Safarov, chairman of the Tajikistan Popular Front and mainstay of the government forces. He had spent 23 years in Soviet prisons for a variety of crimes including murder and incitement to prison mutiny. After he emerged from prison he ran a shashlik stall in his home town of Kurgan-Tyube.

On Tuesday, a midnight conference at Khatlon, near Kurgan-Tyube, with Faizuli Saidov, one of his own local commanders, turned into a gun battle between them in which Safarov, Saidov and up to 15 of their bodyguards were killed. The exact circumstances of how the fight began are not clear.

The government's accounts of what happened have been sketchy and contradictory, ranging from a car crash to an ambush by the opposition. It said on Wednesday that the deaths of these "two glorious sons of Tajikistan" was due to "infiltration by the enemies of the nation". Western diplomatic sources and local journalists, however, have said that there is no doubt that the men were killed fighting each other.

Safarov's so-called Tajik Popular Front, based on the Kulyab tribe, was linked to but independent of the former communists. He was the chief architect of the military victory of the Kulyabi and former communist forces over the Islamic and eastern tribal forces last autumn.

His forces have been frequently accused of atrocities. However, Safarov appears to have been killed as a result of his attempts to stop attacks by Saidov's forces on refugees whom the government was trying to resettle in Kurgan-Tyube.

The refugees had fled to Dushanbe from the fighting in Kurgan-Tyube last autumn. According to Tajik sources, when in recent weeks the refugees returned as part of a government sponsored programme, they were attacked by clan rivals from Saidov's force who had seized their land.

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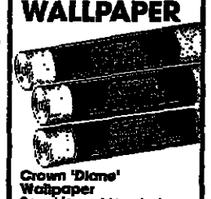
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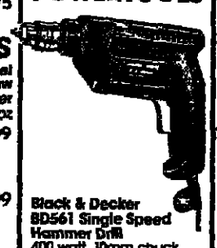
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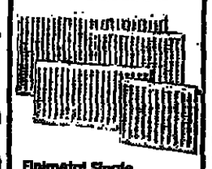
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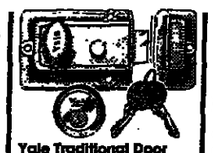
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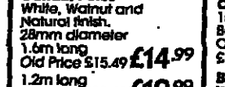
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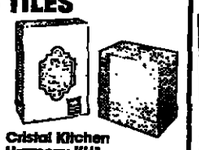
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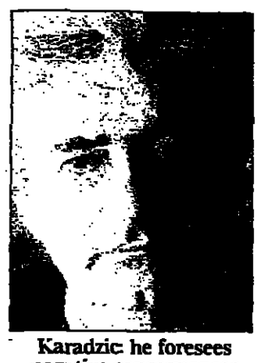
Karadzic accuses UN of biased motives

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE, JOEL BRAND IN TUZLA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BOSNIAN Serbs have reneged on their pledge to allow food-bearing convoys to reach the besieged Muslim town of Srebrenica. They now insist that only empty lorries can get through to evacuate civilians, UN officials in Zagreb said yesterday.

José Maria Mendiluce, the special envoy of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), immediately protested in a letter to General Ratko Mladic, the rebel Serb commander. "Food will therefore not reach those who need it desperately and as a consequence people will be left with no alternative other than to leave," he wrote.

This meant the UNHCR would be used as an instrument of ethnic cleansing, he said, adding: "Such a situation is unacceptable to UNHCR and to the international community . . . I believe there must be some misunderstanding and I kindly request you to review your position. The fate of Srebrenica's people lies in your hands."



Karadzic: he foresees negative consequences

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, reacted angrily yesterday to the UN resolution to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. "The one-sided punishing of the Serbian people can only have negative consequences," he said. "The highest organs of the UN continue to demonstrate a lack of understanding of the Bosnian knot."

Western diplomats in Belgrade fear that Mr Karadzic's reaction is not mere rhetoric but contains much truth. They point out that the UN has consistently remained silent about Croat and Muslim violations of the ban.

One senior Western diplomat said yesterday that, although the resolution was directed at the Serbs, the real test was whether Muslim and Croat planes violating the ban would also be shot down. He said he believed that much information concerning Croat and Muslim violations was being filtered out for political reasons at the UN's headquarters in Zagreb.

Relief workers and other international staff operating in Bosnia said yesterday that they were only slightly concerned about the enforcement of the UN flight ban. Their particular concern is that rebel Serbs may retaliate.

Several countries with troops in Bosnia, including Britain, originally opposed enforcing the no-fly zone for just this reason. They argued against the US-backed plan for fear that the Serbs would target their nationals in response.

Foreigners in the republic have, however, grown accustomed to attacks. "We've been shelled here a number of times and we're prepared for it to happen again," said Lieutenant Mike Murdoch of the 1st Cheshire Regiment stationed in Tuzla. "There just isn't much more that we can do than we're doing already."

Nobody has given much thought to the UN decision. "We certainly hope that nothing will happen [to us] on the ground," said Izumi Nakamitsu of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "We are worried, but people really haven't been thinking about it."

For almost all of the big international organisations operating in Bosnia, the only way to be more cautious would be to withdraw from the war zone altogether. Ms Nakamitsu, like officials at other international organisations, said her agency would not be changing the way it operates in Bosnia. "Maybe the Serbs will try to change the way things are done, but we'll just continue," she said.

To most people in Bosnia, foreigners and locals alike, the UN flight-ban long ago faded away as a real threat. After many unfulfilled threats of force against rebel Serbs, most people here doubt that the international community is now suddenly ready to act decisively. "Personally I think it is far too late," said one relief official.

☐ **The Hague:** At the International Court of Justice here yesterday Bosnia accused its Serb foes of genocide and the worst atrocities against civilians since the Holocaust. The court adjourned after hearing the charges.

The rump Yugoslavia will deliver its formal response to the allegations this afternoon. Under the emergency proceedings invoked by Bosnia, the world court normally reaches an interim verdict within weeks. A final verdict on all aspects of the case could take many years to reach. *(Reuter)*

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Preparing for action: a Luftwaffe technician in Frankfurt yesterday checks an aircraft to be used in an airdrop against missile attack

Vance role offered to Oslo minister

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THORVALD Stoltenberg, the Serbo-Croat-speaking foreign minister of Norway, said last night that he had been asked to take over from Cyrus Vance as the United Nations peace negotiator for the former Yugoslavia.

In Oslo, Mr Stoltenberg, 61, who once headed the UN refugee agency, said after returning from a meeting in New York with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, that he would now think carefully about the offer. He is expected to give *Dr Boutros Ghali his answer* tomorrow.

Mr Stoltenberg, a career diplomat who served in Belgrade from 1961 to 1964, would probably start the UN assignment next month if he agrees to resign as Norway's foreign minister and deputy prime minister. He would then be responsible with Lord Owen, the European Community mediator, for securing the Bosnian Serbs' acceptance of the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Mr Vance has been saying that he wanted to extricate himself from the Yugoslav peace talks this spring so he could devote more time to his New York law firm. At 76, he has become increasingly frail in recent weeks, missing many meetings and suffering from colds and influenza.

Mr Stoltenberg, who met Mr Vance and Lord Owen in New York, should be able to use his long experience of the UN to improve the sometimes troubled co-ordination between the various limbs of the organisation dealing with the war and millions of refugees in the Balkans.

In 1989, he was appointed to head the scandal-ridden UN High Commission for Refugees, where he was considered an effective chief with a pleasantly open and informal air. He caused bad feeling within the organisation by resigning just ten months later to become foreign minister when Gro Harlem Brundtland's Labour party returned to power in Norway, a post he had held from 1987 to 1989.

Mr Stoltenberg's abrupt departure triggered a dispute over his successor before the job was eventually given to Sadako Ogata of Japan. He has argued that he had to return to Norway because it *was confronting a crucial* decision about whether to join the European Community. The country finally applied last year and, with *formal negotiations on its* membership due to start next week, Mr Stoltenberg is seen as a key pro-Community figure in the public debate.



Stoltenberg: has long experience of UN

As foreign minister, Mr Stoltenberg has maintained a keen interest in the unravelling of what was once Yugoslavia. He has visited Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb in recent months, and is following the conflict for the *Socialist International.*

Security stepped up at Italian Nato bases

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SECURITY will be stepped up at those Nato bases in Italy involved in enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

There are Nato bases dotted around Italy and 15,000 American servicemen are based in the country. Between 5,000 and 6,000 of these are US Air Force personnel. The bases most likely to be used are Aviano, near Pordenone, and Vicenza, both of which are close to the Adriatic. An Italian three-star general with a permanent link to United Nations commanders in former Yugoslavia will direct the operation from Vicenza.

A Nato source in Naples said the presence of the Mafia had been taken into consideration during decisions on deploying new Nato forces in Italy. Speculation by Mafia bosses, which pushed up the price of land in Calabria was one reason America decided to abandon a plan to transfer a fighter squadron from Spain to a base at Crotone in southern Italy last year.

External security at Nato bases on Italian soil is provided by the *carabinieri* paramilitary police under the command of the defence ministry in Rome. This is likely to be increased at bases involved in the no-fly operation.

However, Nato officials in Italy see no reason why the Mafia should pose any problems. Cosa Nostra gun-running to the former Yugoslavia may have been made more difficult following the arms embargo and the naval blockade of Adriatic ports.

Terrorism rather than organised crime has been the main fear of Nato servicemen working in Italy. In 1981 the left-wing Red Brigades kidnapped General James Dozier from near an American base at Verona and held him until he was freed by Italian police.

However, Italian officials now regard the threat of terrorism as over and Renato Curcio, the founder of the Red Brigades, is expected to be allowed day release from prison next week.

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The man serving life for murdering the civil-rights activist 25 years ago is being given airtime to protest his innocence

Will King ever rest in peace?

Twenty-five years ago, I peered from the broken bathroom window of Bessie Brewer's rooming house in Memphis and saw what an easy target Dr Martin Luther King had presented to his assassin. The distance of 205ft from the window to the balcony of the Lorraine Motel where King died was child's play for anyone with a powerful rifle.

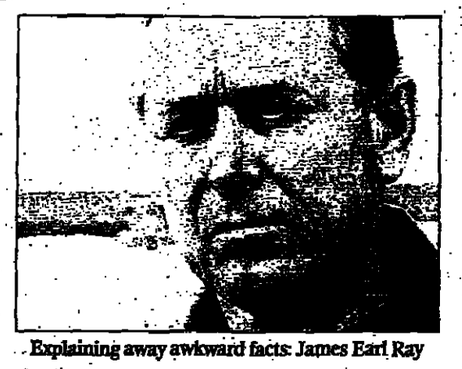
James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to being the gunman and is serving a 99-year sentence. Yet this wretched liar and manipulator, now 64, has been offered a wholly undeserved chance to air his claim that he was an innocent patsy who was set up to take the blame. On Sunday, Channel 4 in Britain and the Home Box Office network in America will mark the 25th anniversary of King's murder by showing a mock trial in which Ray testifies by closed-circuit television from prison.

Friends were arriving at my flat in New York for a belated birthday party when we heard of King's death on April 4, 1968. Two hours later, the party abandoned, I was on the night flight to Memphis where a swift curfew had prevented the black rage that led to riots in other cities after the murder.

At dawn, I went to the Lorraine Motel, which is now the National Civil Rights Museum dedicated to King's memory. I found a black chambermaid weeping in a back room as she watched Mahalia Jackson sing a lament for King on television. The maid said that immediately after King was felled by a single shot to the neck his aides saw movement at the bathroom window of the house backing on to the motel car park.

I walked over there in the rain. The collapsing old frame-house was a refuge for winos and drifters. The rooms had no locks or doorknobs, just leather straps nailed on for handles. James Earl Ray, small-time robber and escaped convict, had rented the room two doors down from the bathroom.

Ray was rapidly identified as having bought the murder weapon, a Remington rifle which was found bearing his fingerprints on the pavement outside the rooming house. The prosecution also had a witness, admittedly a drunk, who saw Ray running from the building after the murder. Within two months, Ray was arrested in London on a bogus Canadian passport. I returned to Memphis to interview the late Percy Foreman, a showman of a defence lawyer who took on the King case at the last minute after Ray sacked his first attorneys.



Explaining away awkward facts: James Earl Ray

Foreman was a hulking figure with a mop of grey hair who bragged he was the best trial lawyer in America. He waved me to a chair in his hotel room, eased himself onto the bed in his braces, poured himself a bourbon and regaled me with stories of how all but one of the thousand people he had defended on murder charges had escaped the death penalty.

Foreman was flamboyant but not stupid. After reviewing the prosecution's case against Ray, he was convinced his client would be sent to the electric chair and persuaded him to plead guilty to King's murder in exchange for the 99-year sentence. Yet within a few days of being sent down, Ray tried to change his plea, claiming to have been duped while deprived of sleep. Ever since, he has attracted a swarm of conspiracy theorists seeking to portray him as a scapegoat and to link the killing to the FBI campaign, under J. Edgar Hoover, to discredit King.

Ray labours pathetically to explain away awkward facts. Yes, he bought the rifle and was in Memphis on the day of the murder but he thought he was smuggling guns for "Raoul", his mysterious employer who had befriended him some weeks earlier. "Raoul" told him to stay out of the rooming house at the time of the shooting and Ray only realised he had been framed when he heard of King's death on his car radio. He then fled from Memphis in a panic.

Ray has hung assorted hypotheses on his shaky version of the assassination. He boasts of his jailhouse cunning, yet asks us to believe he was so taken in by "Raoul", that he worked for him as an unquestioning automaton. Ray claims he is far too smart to have left the trail of circumstantial evidence that tied him to King's death, but his worthless career was a series of bungled crimes and of getting caught. Still, a question remains whether Ray was acting as a "lone nut" or a hired gun. He denies one account, widely believed in Memphis, that he and his brothers accepted a $50,000 contract to kill King from a white supremacist in Missouri and that Ray stalked his victim for several weeks across the South. Those aimless wanderings, he says, were all at "Raoul's" bidding.

Participants in the television trial say it suffers from witnesses having died or refusing to take part. Ray's defence produced surprises but not "Raoul". The verdict is already known to the programme's producers but will remain secret until shortly before the final credits. Thus King joins JFK and Malcolm X in having his murder exploited for entertainment value. It seems a tawdry way to honour the civil-rights leader's historic achievements.

IAN BRODIE

The family that preys together

As the custody battle between Woody Allen and Mia Farrow reaches a vituperative climax, **Ben Macintyre** *asks if either is fit to be a parent*



Funny ha-ha, and funny peculiar: Woody Allen, the private man with a public battle on his hands

They have been rehearsing their roles since last August, and in the past two weeks, as the legal battle over custody of their three children has daily increased in venom. Mia Farrow and Woody Allen have both produced some memorable, if memorably unpleasant performances from the witness stand in Manhattan Supreme Court.

This is the most compelling and emotionally jarring Allen-Farrow co-production yet, and one fact has emerged clearly over all others in the course of their separate testimonies: a mutual hatred which seems far to outweigh their affection for their children, and raises the question of whether either of them is really a fit parent.

Once celebrated as New York's oddest but most lovable couple, Allen and Farrow are now widely and perhaps equally loathed by many New Yorkers, most of whom are less interested in the facts of the case than the sheer indignity represented by this public slanging match. The story of the Allen-Farrow custody suit is also the grim tale of two fallen icons, and even New York's normally partisan and salacious tabloid newspapers have seemed uncertain how to relay a case so fraught with loathing.

> 'I understood that she had said she thought he should be dead. It was a dangerous situation'

A hunched, slightly bemused-looking figure on the stand, Allen has nonetheless assiduously painted his ex-lover of 13 years as a vicious, hysterical woman with a furious axe to grind. But while bitterly rejecting charges that he sexually abused their adopted daughter, Dylan, now aged seven, he has sometimes fumbled his lines in his efforts to appear a responsible, loving parent.

Under cross-examination by Farrow's lawyer, Allen, 57, has been unable to remember his children's birthdays, the names of their friends or their habits; if he called two of his children "bastards", he said, it was only in the dictionary sense of the word; while admitting that his love affair with Ms Farrow's 22-year-old adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, was not "wise", the nude photographs he took of her were "erotic" not "pornographic", he maintained.

With each semi-admission, Allen has clung to his contention that the best thing for the children would be separation from their mother. "Was having an affair with their sister the best thing for the children?" Farrow's lawyer snapped at one point, and Allen, seldom without a riposte on-screen or off, seemed momentarily lost for words.

According to Farrow, Allen even tried to justify his affair with Soon-Yi as a sort of therapeutic exercise. "He said, 'It was good for Soon-Yi. It gave her confidence," Farrow said on Monday, describing Allen's efforts to placate her. "Let's use this as a springboard into a deeper relationship."

In the course of the hearings, there have been occasional flashes of Allen wit, the more painful for being so out of place. Last week, for example, he described how he had feared his former lover would kill herself during their angry meetings at New York's Carlyle Hotel after she found out about his affair. "I thought she was going to jump out of the window," he said. "Then I realised, mercifully, that the Carlyle's windows are glass walls."

Few in the courtroom could bring themselves to laugh.

But if Allen has appeared less than an ideal parent, Farrow has not emerged from cross-examination in better shape. This week a clinical psychologist, who knows the couple, testified that Farrow's escalating fury after learning of the relationship between Allen and her daughter convinced her that the actress was almost out of control. "I understood from him that she had repeatedly called him and said that she thought he should be dead, that she wanted to kill him ... it was a really dangerous situation," Dr Susan Coates said.

While she looked like a demure schoolgirl dressed in her Sunday best with skirt and blazer, Farrow's three days of testimony have brought forth the purest acid. For years, she said, she had feared that Allen was sexually attracted to Dylan, now at the centre of the custody dispute along with Moses, 15, and their natural son Satchel, 5. Allen and his lawyers say that a team of investigators from a hospital in Connecticut, the state where the abuse was alleged to have taken place, had concluded that the child was not molested, but prosecutors in Connecticut are still debating whether to bring charges. Allen claims that Ms Farrow has "coached" her children to condemn him. If Farrow, 48, sought to dispel the grotesque image painted by the man who has so often directed her acting, she was only partially successful.

She admitted she had physically attacked Soon-Yi after finding out about her affair with Allen, and testimony from Dr Coates depicted a woman at best volatile, and at worst demented.

Last August, after learning that the affair was continuing, Farrow told Dr Coates she believed Allen was "satanic and evil"; yet in the same conversation, according to the doctor's notes, she had asked, "Do you think I should marry him?"

At the end of her testimony, Farrow was asked why she had sent Allen a Valentine card with photographs of the children with skewers through their hearts, and a steak knife through the picture of herself.

The card was not intended as a threat, she said. "It was an attempt to depict a man who didn't know or didn't care what he had done," she said. "The morality of the situation seemed to have totally eluded him."

If there is a morality to be found in this lurid story, it is now all but obscured beneath the welter of charge and counter-charge. The strange, filmic quality of the proceedings was brought home by Farrow herself.

Struggling to explain why she had recorded several of Allen's telephone calls, she said: "You know the movie *Gaslight*? [a reference to the classic film starring Ingrid Bergman in which a manipulative husband tries to drive his wife into lunacy]."

The case has already revealed everything you ever wanted to know about Woody Allen and Mia Farrow, and quite a lot you didn't. With the testimony of the two principals over, this week it was the turn of the judge, the lawyers and the psychologists to pick over the details of these once-private, but now embarrassingly public lives.

The couple have sat silently, separated by only a few feet, as the lawyers endlessly discuss their actions and words. Only in a Woody Allen production, surely, would one find such fervent debate over the nature of right and wrong, accountability, truth, the distinction between what is evil and what is merely bad judgment — between, in the words of one Allen film title, crimes and misdemeanours.

The testimony of Dr Coates reached an almost metaphysical level as she was quizzed about whether one bad action on Allen's part indicated he was wholly evil.

Her reply, complete with psychotherapy jargon, was vintage Allen: "The issue for me is could Ms Farrow find a way to empower what has been and is good in her relationship with Mr Allen, while also holding him accountable."

The battle between Allen and Farrow long ago left the realm of legal argument and entered something closer to the unreality of celluloid.

"There were so many untruths, so many versions of what was going on, so many contradictions," Farrow said before she left the witness stand. "A person could go crazy just trying to keep track."

As he surveys the testimony of both the principal witnesses, that sentiment may well be in the mind of Acting Justice Elliott Wilk, the man whose unenviable, and perhaps impossible, task it is to keep track of the still-growing litany of accusations and counter-accusations, while retaining his sanity.

Italy conspires against itself

Is the truth about to emerge after years of scandal around government in Rome?

For many years, the most puzzling thing about Italian politics was why its voters put up with politicians who presided over repeated episodes of scandal and corruption, who never admitted their own political responsibilities, and who hid behind parliamentary immunity from prosecution whenever investigating magistrates looked like getting too close.

The answer was always a complex one, as is the reason why the climate has now so dramatically changed. Partly, it was because the only alternative to the Christian Democrat-led coalition always seemed to be the Communist party. Partly, it was because the judicial system seemed to be grossly inefficient and politically infiltrated. Partly, it was because the political class running the ruling parties never let power and policy leadership slip away to independent bureaucratic, managerial and legal elites beyond their control.

Only partly was it because the cataclysm of bribery, corruption and systematic intrigue, unparalleled in any modern liberal democracy and which only now is coming out into the open, was never suspected.

To most Italian voters, the recent revelations are depressingly familiar. For more than 20 years, Italian political life has been punctuated by a steady stream of half-solved mysteries, rumours, and unsavoury episodes, including terrorist outrages, political assassinations and astonishing judicial acquittals. The most notable of these involve the manipulative hand of Masonic networks which were only partly exposed in the P2 scandal of the early 1980s.



Dark deed: Calvi was found hanged in London

They included the allegations, never verified, of security service involvement in terrorist outrages. There was also the collapse of the financial empire run by Michele Sindona, the man Giulio Andreotti once defined as the "saviour of the lira", and the regular commuting of sentences against the Mafia. Most notoriously in Britain, there was the death under London's Blackfriars Bridge of the banker, Roberto Calvi.

To conspiracy theorists, these and other episodes are clear evidence of the continuing work of a small, cohesive and self-conscious elite that has for years manipulated Italy behind a façade of democracy. Whenever the left looked like getting too powerful, a "strategy of tension" would drive voters back to the political centre. If those who held incriminating documents threatened to go public or confess, they were bought off. Worse, they were finished off.

To the optimistic among such theorists, the answers to these mysteries will now come forth from the confessions of the Sicilian *pentiti* that have convinced Palermo's examining magistrates that even the illustrious former prime minister, Signor Andreotti, has a judicial case to answer.

In reality, the truth is far more tangled than a simple conspiracy. The unsolved episodes of recent Italian political life — serious though they are — represent only the most difficult and untidy moments of a political system which combines an underdeveloped clientelistic southern political culture on the one side, and a high-spending, interventionist welfare state on the other.

The vast cultural and economic differences which remain between north and south, and the impact on national politics of southern political culture, lie at the heart of Italy's paradoxical political system.

The southern political system was always different from the north. In the south, voters could be more docile, many voted for local notables, but were also given to occasional protest, especially by supporting the extreme right. Over the years, an important element in controlling this volatility became the huge accumulated profits of organised crime which operated in the building and drugs trades. Linked to the local political class, powerful criminal figures exchanged votes and money for political favours and protection. Financial intermediaries laundered this money through the banking system, and through a hidden network of contracts that was necessary to hold the system together.

This power structure was an essential feature of political life in the south, where the state and the public sector dominated the local economy, where respect for the law, and the efficiency of the legal machine had historically been low, and where voters could be bought and bribed in large numbers. Unfortunately for the rest of Italy, the basic structure of southern political life could never be sealed off in Sicily and Naples. To compete with the power and money of local bosses from the south, politicians elsewhere needed similar resources.

The need, inside parties and coalitions, to build alliances including southerners, too often meant turning a blind eye to the local connections of those involved. The casualty was legal and political probity, as decent habits and outlooks gradually changed, and the fundamental sense of respect for law and procedure on which the democratic state depends was devalued.

What first came out in the investigations of the north had its origins in a system built up in the south, and which put immense pressures on politics at the centre. Parties became loose coalitions of local interests, and public money the mechanism for buying off recalcitrant deputies and senators.

It is this reality, more than its blackest criminal manifestations and the involvement in them of national politicians, which Italy now needs so badly to address.

Since the magistrate's announcement last Saturday night that Signor Andreotti was under investigation, Italians have been anxiously debating whether the man they accepted as their prime minister no less than seven times — one of Italy's most familiar faces abroad — could really have been, directly and consciously, one of the brains behind so many bloody episodes and so much financial corruption.

In all likelihood, unless there is more convincing evidence than that of the Mafia supergrasses, the criminal charges will not stick. But as the shrewder Italians have been remarking, the real charge — one that goes much wider than Signor Andreotti himself — is not a criminal one. It is a political charge.

The damage done goes to the heart of the nation's political psychology. The attitudes and values of politicians, public officials, businessmen, even judges, are not reshaped overnight, nor by immediate legal fiat. The damage inflicted by Italy's recent political class will not disappear as quickly as the Andreottis and the Craxis fade away from public life.

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The champion's killer instinct

Robert Crampton discovers a happy family man who plays chess like a streetfighter

CHRIS HARRIS



Proud owner of the sharpest brain in the world: Gary Kasparov relaxes in Helsinki, before the forthcoming world chess championship, with his wife Masha, who is expecting a baby girl shortly

Somehow, I am in Helsinki showing two attractive Russian women a photograph of my cats. "So, they are a sort of blue-grey colour?" asks Masha, the younger one, quietly. "Yes, with lovely brown eyes," I whisper back. Many soft oohs and aahs are exchanged between Masha and the other woman, Maia, her mother, as they crouch over the picture. More *chai* (tea) is poured from an immense kettle, and the whispers continue. Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, is asleep next door.

Masha is anxious that Gary is anxious. Her husband has been with her in this quiet suburb of the Finnish capital for four days now, taking a rest, getting over a flu bug. He's been sleeping nine or ten hours each day. "He is tired," says Masha. "He gets frustrated. He lacks some energy at the moment."

> 'Yes I am arrogant that's my style, I want to win every game'

The next day Gary has to fly to Geneva for some business meetings and then return to Moscow where he explained to me earlier, he expects he will "be required" to involve himself in Russian politics.

Masha says that he is "worrying about his luggage". It will be a tiring day for him — an early start — and she wants him to have a quiet evening. Maia nods in agreement.

Masha is pregnant. In three weeks she will give birth to the couple's first child. The doctors here in Helsinki say that the child will probably be a girl. "She will almost be born on your birthday," I say to Gary (he was born on April 13, 1963) when we met earlier in the centre of town. "Yes, but a different sign. It is after the turn," he replies. "What sign are you," I ask. "Aries," he says. "And she will be the bull." "Taurus," I said. "Taurus," he repeats, and I notice that when the subject of the baby's birthday crops up again, in a similar conversation with Masha, Gary says Taurus this time.

He hates making mistakes, on or off a chessboard, even little ones, even ones that aren't really mistakes at all. Over lunch we are discussing films, *à propos* the Oscar ceremony which Gary has seen on CNN. He is amazed that Cary Grant never won an Oscar. The photographer mentions *The Name of the Rose*. "Have you seen it?" Gary shakes his head. "It's about the Inquisition," says the photographer. "In the 13th century," I add. "There was no Inquisition in the 13th century, but go on," says Gary. "Well, it was about witchcraft." I say. "Witchcraft started in the late 15th century really," he says. He's not being nasty, just precise, what some people have called "difficult".

I ask him why people think he is arrogant. "Because I win so much. I have been world champion now for eight years. I beat a lot of people. I make enemies and people get envious." But it's not just that is it — he *is* arrogant isn't he? "Yes, I am, that's my style," he says. "I want to win. I want to win every game. I'm not interested in the draw. Even in a simul [simultaneous display], I want to win it."

Gary is visiting Masha, who will have their baby here in Finland. Her parents have lived here for seven years and the medical facilities are better. "In Moscow the doctors are good, but the hospitals can be dirty," she says. She has rented a small, improbably spartan two-bedroom apartment in the same block as her parents' flat. In the main room, where Gary poses for a final photograph before retiring, there are two large pictures: one of Gary and Masha taken just after their wedding in 1989 (he looks a lot older now, she looks younger) and one of Gary and a chessboard. On the shelves are *Dr Spock's Baby and Childcare*, *Your Pregnancy Week By Week* and Ray Keene's illustrated history of chess. Outside the light is fading. You can see the Baltic through 100 yards of leafless poplars.

We walk along the shoreline. Gary and Masha are hand in hand not just for the photographer's benefit. I am cold in my suit, which I decided to wear after reading that Gary once told the British player John Nunn to smarten up when he was wearing a T-shirt. Gary and Masha are snug in their anoraks, pullovers and casual trousers. Gary wants to wear his baseball cap for the pictures. It has crossed American flags on the front. "He wants to wear it for Clinton to see," says Masha, and Gary laughs and takes off the cap at the photographer's request, and then puts it back on after a while. He touches Masha's stomach, and is asked to do it again, and this time does so but self-consciously.

Kasparov is very calm now that the venue and the sponsors of his next title defence have been decided. "Nigel actually phoned me up with the plan," he says. "I wanted to break away from Fide, and I was thinking of some time after the world championship match this autumn. But I thought about it and decided it was better to do it now."

Short and Kasparov promptly set up the Professional Chess Association to stage their match. Membership is currently two. "The other players need to see we are credible," says Kasparov. "That means money, TV exposure, commercial viability. We need to make the pie bigger for everyone, not necessarily for Timman and Karpov and those players — they're carrying too much baggage from the past — but for the younger players, those under 30." Kasparov, himself still under 30 — just — speaks as if he is much older than the youngsters he wants to benefit. I ask Kasparov if the PCA is revenge for what he calls "the day of shame" when Florencio Campomanes, the president of the Fide called off his challenge to the then champion Anatoly Karpov in 1985. "Yes and no," he says. "Revenge is not quite the word. A lot has happened since 1985. The world has changed. The Soviet Union has finished. Yes, I am breaking with Fide but it is not revenge. It is not political. This is not passionate — " and here the world champion sounds more passionate than at any other time in the afternoon — "this is professional. It is a new beginning. It is taking the politics out of chess."

Kasparov, when asked, estimates that only 60 or 70 chess professionals earn more than £50,000 a year from the game. He wants chess to be like tennis where even a low-ranked pro can make a very good living on the circuit. He says it will be good for him, but "I have already probably earned more than the other grandmasters combined."

He thinks he will beat Short, of course. "My record against Nigel is good," he says. "He is good at match play. He has beaten the best players but . . ." Kasparov shrugs. For the moment, Short and Kasparov have a common interest however. That will not last for long.

Before he goes into his room I tell him that I played for the *Times* team against him in a charity chess challenge in London in February. "Where we you sitting," he asks, suddenly interested.

"Almost opposite that American who gave you a hard game."

"He was a grandmaster," says Kasparov. "Almost opposite?"

"Just to the left."

"Knight ending? Two pawns?"

"Yes." We paused. "He gave you a hard game didn't he?" I asked again.

"Yes but he was a grandmaster." Gary repeats a little irritated and goes off for his sleep.

If the great chess matches have been between opposites, Kasparov and Short should produce a classic world clash

Kings of style and daring



RAYMOND KEENE

The outstanding clashes in the history of the World Chess Championship have been those which exhibited a sharp contrast in playing style. At the very dawn of recognised world championship play in 1886, the fiery imagination and tactical arsenal of Johannes Zukertort, although meeting with initial resounding successes, ultimately foundered on the strategic logic of the new scientific school propounded by Wilhelm Steinitz. After a series of fascinating games Steinitz, who had been the leading match player since 1866, was declared the first official world chess champion.

Yet Steinitz too, was to meet his master in 1894, in the shape of Emanuel Lasker. For all his strategic skill, Steinitz could not cope with the slippery shifting pragmatism of Lasker's style, a style possessed of such flexibility and resilience that it was to maintain Lasker's grip on the supreme title until 1921.

Paradoxically, in terms of stylistic clash, several decades were to go by before another true contrast in the approach of the champions was to emerge. After the aging Lasker had lost to the Cuban José Raul Capablanca, who went for eight years without losing a game, the first of the great Russian world champions challenged him and won. From 1927 until 1946 (with a two-year gap) the émigré genius Alexander Alekhine held sway over the chess world. Alekhine had a style so multi-faceted that he could over-match Capablanca in his own blend of trench warfare, while Alekhine was equally at home, if not more so, in the tactical melées which marked his four matches against Bogolyubov and Euwe. Although Alekhine's five matches for the world title exhibited many points of interest to the chess student, they could in no way be classed as great in terms of opposition of ideas.

Alekhine died in 1946. During the 1940s and 1950s chess was dominated by the Soviet school, exemplified by Botvinnik and Smyslov. They and other Soviet players were so close in style that their games were hardly distinguishable from each other. It was not until 1960, when the young Latvian Mikhail Tal inflicted a crushing defeat on Botvinnik, that the stylistic clash to be found at the core of great matches once again became visible.

Their games were replete with grand strategic designs occasionally triumphing but more often collapsing under the assault of Tal's tactical sorties. For connoisseurs, the 1960 Botvinnik-Tal match was one of the creative pinnacles of chess art, heights not to be reached again until the celebrated Fischer-Spassky match at Reykjavik in 1972.

Boris Spassky, who succeeded the Armenian Tigran Petrosian in 1969, was an adventurous attacker, very much in the mould of Tal and Alekhine. Yet he succumbed to Bobby Fischer, the prophet of heroic materialism, who would snatch pieces or pawns, in a fashion that might have seemed sordid in a lesser player, only to release them at the appropriate moment for overwhelming advantages in terms of the initiative, mobility and striking power. It was a tragedy for chess that Fischer did not play a single serious game from 1972 to 1992.

Over the past eight years the chess world has been spoilt. There have been five great matches between Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov, the present champion.

The stylistic differential has been archetypal. Karpov himself is the spiritual heir of the great consolidators and defenders, Steinitz and Capablanca. Even in the most precarious situations his eel-like defensive capacity has rescued him from defeat, while his counter-attacks are legendary.

But in Kasparov he came up against a genius, the most dominant in the entire history of chess, who has repeatedly bested him. Kasparov loves risk, he relishes wrestling on the edge of a precipice. But whatever risks he takes, it is nearly always the opponent who plunges to his doom.

For such a combative player, Kasparov's ability to avoid losing is extraordinary. Allied with his chessboard courage is a powerful memory, unbelievable calculating skill, in-depth endgame comprehension and a battery of prepared openings, ideas that would shame most chess computer databases.

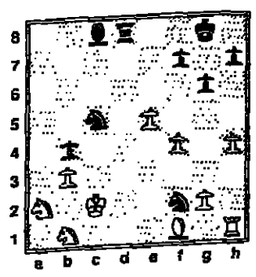
It would be foolhardy to claim that he is not the favourite in the forthcoming *Times* World Chess Championship against Britain's Nigel Short. Kasparov has an impressive plus score against Short in tournament play, but in matches Short has fared much better. In their only previous head-to-head set match, also played in London in 1987 at the Hippodrome, Short lost four games, but won two: a creditable performance.

Short's skills directly contradict the champion's. He is calm and patient — almost, it seems, seeking the harmony of the spheres on the chessboard as he probes for weaknesses in his opponent's positions. Short is particularly well-served by his guru and mentor Lubosh Kavalek.

Short is a deadly foe in match play and has already overwhelmed the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and the former world champion Anatoly Karpov on the way to his challenge against Kasparov. Short does not rely on fierce opening novelties for his effects. More often than not he will play a safe solid opening, such as the Ruy Lopez with White or the orthodox defence to the Queen's Gambit with Black, and seek to make his gains from a middlegame of subtle manoeuvres.

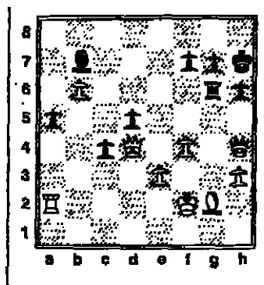
The two games below are classic samples of their respective styles. Kasparov's game is restless, turbulent, sacrificial and unclear, yet in just a few moves the mighty Karpov is reduced to rubble before he can even develop his kingside forces. Short's game shows a patient, waiting strategy which suddenly bursts to life as the over-optimistic Dutchman begins to run risks in a level situation.

The World Chess Federation is on record as claiming that it will stage a reserve championship match between Timman and Karpov when the *Times* World Championship between Short and Kasparov goes ahead. From the evidence of these games that prospect should not deter either Kasparov or Short.



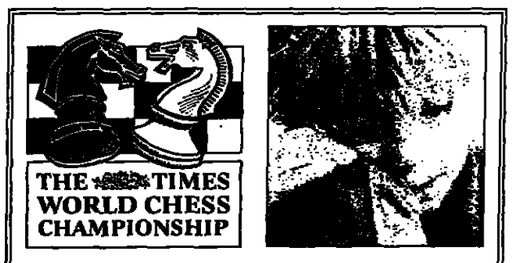
Karpov-Kasparov
Linares 1993
King's Indian Defence

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 g6
3 Nc3 Bg7
4 e4 d6
5 f3 0-0
6 Be3 e5
7 Nge2 c6
8 Qd2 Nbd7
9 Rd1 a6
10 dxe5 Nxe5
11 b3 b5
12 cxb5 axb5
13 Qxd6 Nfd7
14 f4 b4
15 Nb1 Ng4
16 Bd4 Bxd4
17 Qxd4 Rxa2
18 h3 c5
19 Qg1 Ngf6
20 e5 Ne4
21 h4 c4
22 Nc1 c3
23 Nxa2 c2
24 Qd4 cxd1Q+
25 Kxd1 Ndc5
26 Qxd8 Rxd8+
27 Kc2 Nf2
White resigns



Timman-Short
Candidates Final,
El Escorial
Spain, 1993
Game 3
Queen's Gambit
Declined

1 d4 d5
2 c4 e6
3 Nc3 Nf6
4 Bg5 Be7
5 e3 0-0
6 Nf3 h6
7 Bh4 b6
8 Be2 Bb7
9 Bxf6 Bxf6
10 cxd5 exd5
11 0-0 Re8
12 b4 c6
13 Qb3 a5
14 b5 c5
15 dxc5 bxc5
16 Rac1 Bxc3
17 Qxc3 Nd7
18 Rfd1 Qb6
19 Bf1 Rac8
20 h3 Nf6
21 Nd2 c4
22 a4 Re6
23 Rc2 Rce8
24 Nf3 Ne4
25 Qa1 Rf6
26 Rd4 Rxd3
27 gxd3 Qg6+
28 Bg2 Ng5
29 Rc1 Nxf3+
30 Kf1 Nh2+
31 Kg1 Nf3+
32 Kf1 Nxd4
33 Qxd4 Qf5
34 Kg1 Re5
35 Qa7 Qc8
36 Kf1 Rg5
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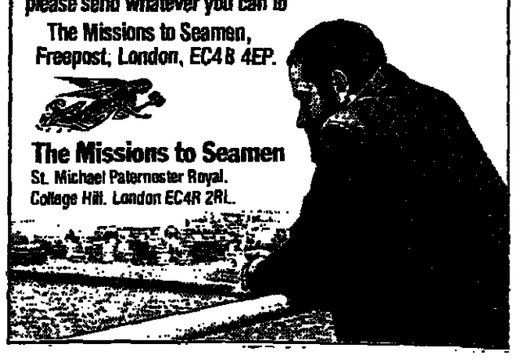
TOMORROW

Young master of the universe: how does Luke McShane, nine, the world's youngest chess master, cope with fame? In Weekend, he confesses that he "doesn't adore" the stardom but would quite like to be a professional player. On the other hand, he's also considering being "an author of joke books"

Loneliness is just one problem

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Janet Daley



■ Those who speak professionally for the working class should ask themselves just who they mean

So, we shall have to learn to cope without Paul Foot, that great crusading columnist of the *Daily Mirror*. The unhappy office politics which drove him from his newspaper need not concern us here. What interests me is the more cosmic reason that Mr Foot, venerable champion of the otherwise undefended, gave for resigning. Internecine disagreements over management style apart, the *Mirror* is accused of no longer being the organ it once was: of abdicating its role in the political life of the country.

This role, as Mr Foot has described it, consists of speaking for "ordinary working-class people", a phrase much favoured by members of the political organisation of which he is a member, the Socialist Workers Party (which is descended from the 1960s Trotskyist group, International Socialism). Precisely whose interests the SWP (and Mr Foot) have in mind is made clearer by a variant of this epithet which is the one used most often within the comfortable, self-affirming circles of SWP discourse: "the *organised* working class". Which is to say, active members of trade unions. This subset of working people — many of whom are, in fact, middle-class — is certainly a more readily identifiable interest group than the amorphous "ordinary working-class people" with whose feelings and views Mr Foot assumes himself to be in direct communication.

Once the single qualifying — and misleading — trait of trade union affiliation is removed, what distinguishing characteristics does this aggregation have? Does it, indeed, exist as anything but what philosophers would call a logical construction? Is there a set of beliefs, political loyalties, expectations and goals which are uniquely (or even definably) working-class, and which may thus be articulated by a newspaper and guarded by a patrician spokesman such as Mr Foot? (Support for the Labour party, of course, is as much associated with the dining rooms of Hampstead and north Oxford as with the public bars of Bermondsey.)

On my way to work, I walk through a neighbourhood which is, by any standards (and certainly those of the SWP) working-class. Deep in the old East End, it has a greengrocer, an old pub, a fish and chip shop, and even a pie and mash caff of the old school. Being almost as much of an upper-middle-class sentimentalist as Paul Foot, I am very fond of this little remnant of Cockney London, which is, as it happens, populated very largely by Bengalis whose aspirations are directed to moving up and out of its confines.

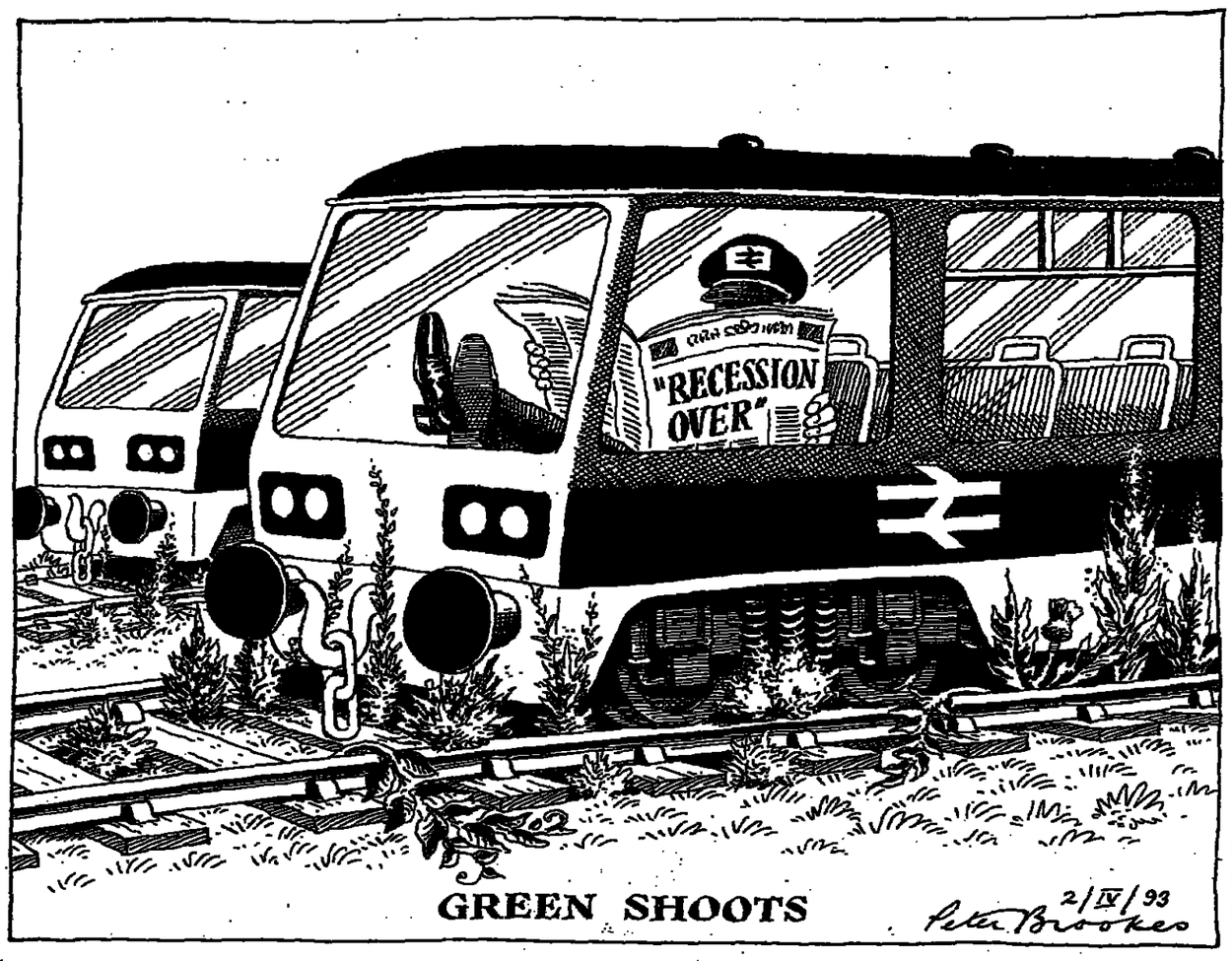
In doing so, they will be following in the wake of all those taxi-drivers who tell me that they too once lived in Wapping but have happily vacated it for the sub-urban highlands. One of these, describing his pride in his "lovely house" in Essex and his wife's wardrobe full of new shoes, provided the perfect antidote to mawkish nostalgia about working-class life: "People go on about how they never used to lock their doors in the old days. They forget that they didn't have anything worth stealing." In the 1980s, especially in the circles in which Mr Foot travels, it was fashionable to despise such people: Essex men with their new houses and flashy wives. A true SWP believer would regard them as class traitors who had sold their membership of a sacred brotherhood for the mess of potage that private affluence offered.

So are the working people who are disloyal to that working class of the mind — or of the heart — which Mr Foot venerates, not really *working class*? For them, poverty and deprivation were things to be escaped not romanticised. In the course of their escape, they dispensed with a good deal of the baggage with which guilt-ridden intellectuals sought to embalm them. They were not prepared to remain as permanent specimens of martyrdom, victim-beneficiaries of the system whose only solace was to join together in truculent defeatism or militant obstruction. Being a manual worker, when it is stripped of its Marxist sanctimony, is nothing more than a description of how one earns one's wage. It carries no obligations about cultural or political preferences and no prohibitions on aspiring to a life of greater ease.

The old working class has largely been dismantled

If there ever was a working class as fixed in its relation to the world as Mr Foot wishes to suggest, then it has been largely dismantled by meritocracy. First the 1944 Education Act created a generation of grammar school pupils who were free to idealise their proletarian roots from the safe distance of university. Then the 1980s boomlet (however it may have come unstuck in the end) introduced even greater numbers to the notion of self-determination.

What is left is a much larger lower middle class — disorientated but at least spiritually mobile — and a far more alienated rump of the genuinely poor who are not so much working-class (because they are rarely in work) as outside of economic life altogether. Certainly the media ought to make an effort to represent both these groups — who, incidentally, dislike each other intensely — but to talk of "speaking for them" as the sentimentalists do, does rather give the paternalist game away.



Humanity at full stretch

As well as cruelty and horror, people are capable of courage and compassion

Bernard Levin

A year or so ago, I wrote here of a very remarkable accident, and what happened after it. A youth in the United States, who lived and worked on his parents' farm, became entangled in some kind of agricultural machinery, which tore off both his arms at the shoulder. The boy staggered to the farmhouse to find no one at home; he opened the door by turning the handle with his mouth, and when inside, summoned help by picking up a pencil in his teeth and tapping out the emergency number on the telephone. The arms were collected where they had fallen, and united with the rest of him; when he was ready to leave the hospital, he thanked everyone concerned, and finished with the memorable words: "I came here in three pieces, and I'm going home in one."

The last I heard of him, he was steadfastly undergoing physiotherapy, in the hope that his arms would eventually work properly again. May he be successful: such courage, ingenuity and coolness under fire deserve no less.

In retailing the story, I warned my readers to have a stiff whisky at their side, particularly if they were reading it at breakfast. Today, I make the same request.

This story comes from the *Wall Street Journal*; more exactly, it comes from the hearts and feelings of a series of men and women, the chief of the band being a Scottish doctor, a craniofacial surgeon, Ian Jackson by name.

> Ian Jackson has seen a pantheon of bizarre deformities. He has seen the horselike faces of hypertelorism, and midline clefts so severe they split the face in half. He has seen the misshapen heads of neurofibromatosis, the so-called elephant-man disease. But until Dr Jackson went on a charity mission from his native Scotland to Peru 15 years ago, he had never seen anything like David Lopez. The tiny Indian boy, just two years old, had virtually no face at all. A gaping hole covered the area where his mouth and nose should have been. There were no upper teeth or upper jaw. The most striking thing was that his lower teeth could actually touch his forehead ... Craniofacial surgeons use power tools and chisels, as well as delicate scalpels and pins ... But ... with all his other patients, there had been bones to rearrange and skin to stretch. In David's case, the surgeon would have to build much of the face from scratch ... Because David had no real mouth ... he had developed a way of chewing or mashing his food with his tongue. To drink, he simply tilted back his head and poured the liquid straight down. One day ... David came across a mirror and began screaming. Until then, the boy had never seen his face.

Drink the whisky, unless you have already done so.

Dr Jackson wondered whether it was possible to save the boy, partly because of the difficulties mentioned above, and partly because if he undertook the project it was going to cost a very great deal of money; this doubly heroic doctor would give his services, but the immense and prolonged hospital facilities that would be needed were not easily come by. After months of seeking a sponsor, Dr Jackson found a Scottish Catholic bishop who promised to find the money, and did so. The work began.

David Lopez has so far gone through 85 major surgical operations, and the end is not yet. He has been taunted as a freak, but as his manufactured face has been built up from countless grafts, he now looks no worse than someone who has been in a severe car crash or fire.

So much for the medical profession. Now for the human race.

Doctors, and in particular surgeons, must always be detached from emotion when dealing with a patient, as witness the unwritten rule that no surgeon, except in a dire emergency, may operate on his own wife. The reason is too obvious to discuss, but Dr Jackson, as the face of the dreadfully deformed child slowly began to take shape — that is, a human shape — found his feelings growing ever stronger, until he realised that he had come to love the little boy as he loved his own four children. He and his wife discussed the possibility of adoption, but there was a threat over the whole enterprise, even including the surgery; by then, Dr Jackson and his family had emigrated to America, and because David had no documents he was, strictly, an illegal immigrant, liable to be deported at any minute.

Over to Mrs Jackson.

I don't know whether she felt that she was caught in a bad novel, the kind you see in the section of bookshops headed "Romance", but if she did, she must have thought that not only was she trapped in its pages, but that it was an even worse book that she had thought. For Mrs Jackson found herself flying to Peru, in a haystack-and-needle endeavour to find David's lawful parents, if any, and to discover whether they would agree to formally give up the ravaged boy. After a no doubt interesting journey into the interior, she found the mission from which David had been taken to the chance of a real life.

The only means of following the meagre clues was by canoe; she stepped aboard, accompanied by a priest from the mission, and this extraordinary couple paddled off into the sunset — or, as it might be, the sunrise. (Are there crocodiles in Peruvian rivers? If so, their table-manners were perfect, for there was no sighting.)

The priest (I am by no means sure that it wasn't St Jude in disguise) followed the tracks and found David's parents. Asked whether they would consent to adoption they agreed. In any case, David's father explained that the tribe to which they belonged would no longer take him in. (This, I understand, was not because of the child's appearance, but because he had been too long away from the tribe and its observances.)

Now the boy, nine years old, had a new name to go with his gradually appearing new face: David Jackson. Today, at 17, he has a girlfriend, as any 17-year-old would, whatever he looked like; Mrs Jackson, that very wise woman, says: "Even at that age, there are girls who can see beyond David's face."

So there are, as Simon Weston would testify, holding his wife's hand as he does so. For this is not an account of a unique surgical success; that will be recorded in due course, no doubt, in the specialist journals. The real story goes much deeper. It is a story about people, each one of them with the divine spark that we all possess, but in addition, in this case, all of them with the courage, insight, patience, wisdom and greatness of heart to bring the story to its triumphant conclusion.

The Prayer Book bids us ask to be delivered from all sorts of evils: sin, the crafts and assaults of the devil, blindness of heart, pride, vainglory, hypocrisy, envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness. On top of all that are fornication and all the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil; not forgetting lightning and tempest, plague, pestilence, famine, battle, murder and sudden death. On the whole, I have no inclination to challenge the mournful catalogue; indeed, I could add a good few items to it — broccoli, for instance, and Gummer. But as any coin will tell you, there are two sides to every situation, and I have never allowed myself to see the darkness in mankind without seeing at the same time the brightness.

There is no point in saying that there are in the world hundreds of thousands of men and women and children who are deformed or diseased or dying in horrible ways, and that for them there has been no rescue by a genius of the scalpel and the genius of the human heart. Did not Abraham bargain with the Lord, and get a promise that He would not destroy Sodom if ten of the righteous could be found there, whereas at first the Most High was minded to do it unless there were more than 50?

The story of David Jackson, you will allow, is enough to make one think well of the human race, whatever its failings. The boy himself has said that if the miracle had not happened he "would have been a beggar, or dead". But it did happen, starting with the immense skill of Dr Jackson, together with a supporting cast who, in their own ways deployed a joint skill without which this story might not have ended in such perfection.

It was indeed a miracle: partly from heaven and partly from earth, the best possible combination. And the knot that tied the two halves together to complete the miracle was those three words that speak more profoundly than many shelves of many books, the three words that tell us that goodness will always triumph in the end, if we are only sufficiently patient, and if our eyes are sufficiently clear: *Omnia vincit Amor.*

The Chair leans over backwards

Speakers are fair to all, says **Robert Rhodes James**

One of the most remarkable features of parliamentary life is that party politicians, when selected to preside over the proceedings of the Commons, have immediately to become impartial. It is a tradition that the Chief Deputy Speaker, the chairman of ways and means, elected, like the Speaker, by the House, should be of a different party from the Speaker, but that upon him also falls the same mantle of total impartiality. It is his job when in the Chair to ensure that the rules are obeyed and that there is scrupulous fairness in calling Members to speak.

These formidable powers give the occupants of the Chair an influence and responsibility that are usually underestimated outside Westminster, but which have been dramatically highlighted by recent rulings by Michael Morris, the Chairman of Ways and Means, during the controversial passage of the Maastricht bill, specifically with amendments 27 and 75, relating to the social chapter.

Most MPs, being intensely partisan, find it almost impossible to accept that any of their number could possibly be truly impartial. In their view, a Conservative chairman will surely favour the government, a Labour one the Opposition. The Commons, especially in committees on bills, does not have hard and fast rules; they have to be interpreted on many occasions; the chairman has to use his or her judgment as to whether an amendment is or is not in order, or should or should not be debated and voted upon. The interpretation, it is often alleged — as now in some quarters — will be inevitably in favour of the Chairman's party.

There is nothing new in these dark suspicions. When Colonel Clifton Brown was elected Speaker in 1943, one Labour MP charged that: "There is a growing feeling in the country that Speakers in the past have been looking after the interest of the government, feeling that that was their function rather than looking after the interests of individual Members." When I was a clerk in the Commons in the stormy late 1950s, Labour charged first Charles MacAndrew and then Gordon Touche with partiality — unjustifiably, in my view — towards Tory governments, and Touche never recovered his authority. My friend and boss, Sir Harold Walker, the Deputy Speaker in the last Parliament, made a constituency speech during the miners' strike that made ministers and Conservative backbenchers view him with doubts thereafter.

Perhaps that speech was unwise, but he was standing up for his constituents. As this episode showed, the problem is that whereas the Speaker immediately renounces all party affiliations, the three Deputies do not. Harold Walker remained a Labour MP for a mining constituency and fought his re-election as a Labour candidate; Michael Morris is still a Conservative MP, who if he stands again for re-election, will do so as a Conservative candidate. But Mr Morris was one of my colleagues on the Speakers' Panel of Chairman of the House, and neither of us was noted for partisanship.

I have known, as a Clerk of the House, as a Member of Parliament and as one of the Chairmen of the House, a few Chairmen who, despite their protestations, *were* partial, and very amenable to the suggestions of their party whips. There is nothing wrong in the whips making these suggestions; there is much wrong in a Speaker or a Chairman accepting them on party grounds. But what so impressed me, in my various roles in the Commons, is how very rare is any partiality in Speakers or Chairmen. For one thing, we knew that if we were thought partial, what authority we had was finished, and we all had a tendency to be harder on our own side than on the other to prove it — a charge levelled against Speakers Thomas and Weatherill.

But the custodians of the procedures and traditions of the House are the Clerks, whose ability and impartiality are unquestioned. I was one of the very few Clerks in history foolish enough to become an MP, but my impartiality as a Clerk was total, and some of this was carried into my political career — which may well explain its relative failure. The impress of Erskine May on me was powerful and profound.

I am in no position to judge whether Mr Morris's recent rulings have been technically right or wrong. But, knowing him and his advisers in the Clerks' department I would put money on their being right and sustainable. Even more importantly, I have no doubt whatever that he came to his conclusions on the merits of the case, and that party politics and government interests paid no part whatever in them. He is of the old school.

In 1943, in response to the allegations against his predecessors, Clifton Brown said: "It is the special duty of the Chair to see that all minorities are not browbeaten but also get a fair hearing in debate, and Speakers in the past have always carried that out in the most splendid way." And so do Deputy Speaker Morris and his colleagues.

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Treasury transfusion

NORMAN LAMONT may have a £50 billion budget deficit to fund (or is it £30 billion, one gets confused), but many MPs feel his pursuit of the pound of flesh has gone too far. Members of the Palace of Westminster who wish to give blood now find themselves directed to the basement of the Treasury.

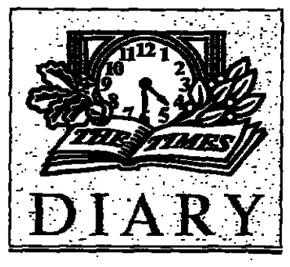
Not surprisingly, Westminster's usually enthusiastic blood donors believe the location is at best inappropriate, and at worst distinctly discouraging. Parliamentary questions have already been tabled, and a select committee has hurriedly embarked upon an investigation into other possible locations.

The MPs want so-called Bloodmobiles parked within the precincts of the House, so that they can dash out to give their pints with greater speed. Michael Fabricant, the Conservative Member for mid-Staffordshire, even envisages impromptu donations in Westminster Hall. "It would impress on visitors that we were doing our bit for the country and would be infinitely more pleasurable than having our blood extracted in the bowels of the Treasury," he says.

The North London Blood Transfusion Service is discussing with security men the merits of various Westminster parking places for its wagons. "It makes sense to move in because there are about 150 members who regularly donate blood," says spokesman Tony Martina. "The best place to park seems to be the courtyard just off Parliament Square."

Junior health minister Tom Sackville is among those who have braved the Treasury basement this week. But his gesture does not impress David Blunkett, Labour's health spokesman. "The Treasury seems to want blood from everything nowadays. The NHS, community care and now blood — you can bet the Treasury has its eyes on it."





● *Beatrix Potter must be turning in her grave. The main sponsor of the £300,000 exhibition of her life and work is Norweb Electricity. Potter hated electricity says Susan Denyer who organised the event in Keswick, Cumbria: "She never allowed it in any of her homes, and used candles right up until her death in 1943."*

Words in ears

SO HOW thorough was Lady Longford's research for her latest book, *Royal Throne: The Future of the Monarchy*? Ian McIntyre in his review in yesterday's *Times* noted at one point that her methods did "not rate as particularly strenuous research".

Longford, who believes the monarchy is "a fixture", insists she has arrived at the conclusion without becoming a royal insider. But doth she protest too much? In pretty much the same breath, she says she knows Prince Michael, has interviewed the Prince of Wales twice and has known Charles Anson, the Queen's press secretary, "since he was young".

At her launch party on Wednesday evening, both Anson and Sir Robert Fellowes, private secretary to the Queen, were casting approving glances in her direction. How much did they help Longford? Anson insists he "helped with factual information. Certainly not with opinions."

Fellowes is just as tactful. "I don't want to be dragged into this but I think the Palace has been more open recently. There have been big changes, such as the Queen paying tax. Not that we see tax returns but there is nonetheless a visible change."

● *For a tantalising moment, Britain's conservationists sniffed the sweet smell of success. There, in black and white, at a recent meeting of the all-party parliamentary energy committee was the printed text of a speech pledging the government to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to the level of 1900 — a move that really would consign the greenhouse effect to history. But not while Michael Howard is around to depart smoothly from such dangerously prepared texts. "To the levels of 1990," he intoned without a pause. It's back to the tree planting then.*

Bladerunner

LESS than a week after Cambridge won the boat race, the controversial cleaver blades that helped them break Oxford's six-year winning streak are already hot property.

No one is more chuffed than John Wilson, Cambridge's team coach, who doubles as the British marketing manager for Concept II, the American firm that makes the oars. He has already received "between 30 and 40 telephone calls from British boat clubs. Considering that there are only 500 clubs in the country, that's not bad".

The only organisation so far to have put its money where its mouth is is Eton College, which this week bought ten oars (two spares), at £186 each. The sale has nothing to do, Wilson insists, with the fact that Cambridge's stroke, Will Mason, is the nephew of Poppy Anderson, the wife of Eton's headmaster: "They bought the set based on what they saw last weekend."

With relish

THEY are making a meal of this weekend's Clinton-Yeltsin summit in the Vancouver suburb of New Westminster. Bill and Boris burgers have appeared in the town on the menu of a fast food restaurant called Burger Heaven.

So far, the Billiburger, a "lean beef patty with American cheese, Boston lettuce and Arkansas bacon", is outselling the Boris. It seems the Russian option, featuring a spicy concoction of sauces with mounds of onions, is proving harder to swallow. Must be that vodka relish.

● *A memorial service for Michael Robbins takes place today at St Paul's, the actors church in Covent Garden. Robbins, of course, is best remembered for his potrayal of the gloriously grumpy "Arfur", husband of the awful Olive in the TV comedy show* On the Buses. *But Robbins would surely have been amused to know that the service coincides with a one-day bus strike in London.*

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DANGEROUS GAME

North Korea's bluff must be called before it is too late

The voting at the International Atomic Energy Agency yesterday underlines both the importance and the difficulty of securing North Korean compliance with its obligations under the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). China and Libya voted against the IAEA board's decision to refer North Korea to the United Nations Security Council, where it could face sanctions for refusing to admit IAEA inspectors; India, Pakistan, Syria and Vietnam abstained. Four of these states are considered to be either unofficial members of the nuclear club, or aspirants.

If North Korea *successfully flouts* the IAEA's rules on inspection, such states will draw the obvious conclusion. They will remain members of the NPT so long as it helps them with their civilian nuclear industries; and withdraw as soon as IAEA inspections threaten their plans to develop nuclear weapons. North Korea is the first test of the new, tougher IAEA regime activated since the discovery of Iraq's cheating. The outcome of this confrontation will decide whether these new rules can be enforced. If not, the NPT's guarantees will be seen to be worthless and the future of the treaty after 1995, when its extension is due to be negotiated, will be in grave doubt.

North Korea is suspected of being close to producing one or more nuclear weapons. It has lied to the IAEA about the quantity of weapons-grade plutonium it possesses and about its reprocessing activities. Rather than allow access to two suspect facilities, it has declared its intention to withdraw from the NPT. But it has to give three months' notice, and persuade the security council that "extraordinary events" affecting its "supreme interests" justify its decision.

The security council has, in theory, the power to order Pyongyang under pain of sanctions to remain a signatory and comply with the IAEA requests. America, Britain and Russia, the three treaty guarantors, jointly urged North Korea yesterday to reconsider. In a veiled warning of the penalties for non-co-operation, they added that its withdrawal from the treaty would "constitute a serious threat to regional and international stability".

Persuasion will first be tried — partly because China so far opposes not only sanctions but the involvement of the security council in the dispute, and partly because South Korea's new government is nervous about backing Kim Il Sung's supremely irresponsible and paranoid regime into a corner. Seoul's argument for patient diplomacy is that North Korea's economy is close to collapse and that the struggles over the succession to the "Great Leader" render the regime even more unpredictable than usual. There is anxiety that in a last, desperate convulsion, North Korea could launch missile or even ground attacks to which South Korea's capital would be highly vulnerable. Pyongyang has fed these fears with threats of "counter-measures" if sanctions are tried.

Patience may be a mistake, however, strengthening North Korean hardliners against reformers. Splits have recently appeared between the unimpressive heir-apparent, Kim Jong Il, and rivals who accept the need to end North Korea's isolation. Pyongyang's decision to allow the first IAEA inspections last year accompanied a drive to obtain desperately needed foreign investment and improve external contacts. Partly to curry favour with army hardliners, Kim Jong Il has shifted abruptly to confrontation. He would cite Western hesitation as proof that the nuclear option pays.

Patience must have its limits for another reason. The regime must now be assumed to be trying its hardest to build a nuclear weapon. There is no harm in stressing the benefits of co-operation, but there can be no compromise on the IAEA inspections. A graduated programme of sanctions must be planned now. North Korea must at the same time understand that any use of force, nuclear or otherwise, would invite severe retaliation. North Korea insists that it has nothing to hide. Within weeks rather than months, it must be brought to understand that it has no choice but to prove it.

THE IRISH JANUS

The new Dublin government needs a clearer voice

On the bleak terrain of Irish politics, hope flickers out all too quickly. Yesterday's speech to the Dáil by Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, will have disabused those who felt that Ireland was experiencing a decisive change of mood. Less than a month after his Labour deputy, Dick Spring, indicated that the Republic's constitutional claim to the north might soon be dropped, Mr Reynolds made a clear defence of constitutional republicanism and the nationalist ambitions of the south. The apparent rift between the two coalition partners needs urgent clarification.

The horrors of the Warrington blast have galvanised opinion on both sides of the Irish Sea more than any IRA outrage since the Enniskillen bombing in 1987. On Sunday, the Dublin housewife Susan McHugh rallied 15,000 Irish people to the standard of peace. These gestures of humanity may usher in a new peace movement. But they will achieve nothing without bold supportive action from the Irish government.

The best that the Fianna Fáil prime minister could offer yesterday was a denial that terrorists still find a safe haven in the Republic. Such words were surely inadequate on the day that Tim Parry, the 12-year-old victim of the Warrington blast, was buried, and in the week that Paul Magee, who murdered a special constable last year, was imprisoned for life at the Old Bailey.

Although wanted for murder in Belfast, Magee was allowed bail in the Republic and went on the run. At the very least, Mr Reynolds must absorb the lessons of that episode. He should also consider seriously the case for removing all political defences against extradition and for giving the security forces in the north the right to pursue paramilitaries into the Republic after border incidents. The taoiseach's indignant denial of the charge that the south is a terrorists' sanctuary must be expressed in practical measures rather than rhetoric.

On constitutional matters, the disparities between Mr Spring's speech at the Mansion House last month and Mr Reynolds's remarks yesterday will be grist to the mill of sceptical Unionists. Although both politicians stressed the need for caution, Mr Spring affirmed that Articles 2 and 3 of the constitution which assert the Republic's claim to the north were not "cast in bronze" and predicted that "our people will readily be persuaded to endorse change". In contrast, Mr Reynolds warned against hasty departure from constitutional republicanism and reiterated his party's belief in "the eventual achievement of a united Ireland by agreement and consent".

This contradiction betrays something far more alarming than a personal feud. The current coalition was the unexpected outcome of an unexpected election, in which Fianna Fáil suffered its worst showing since 1927 and Labour was denied its "rainbow" pact with Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats. Less than six months into the new government's life, the generational tensions between traditionalist Fianna Fáil and modernising Labour are already taking their toll on the backbenches of the Dáil.

In dealing with this janus-like government, British ministers must continue to support Mr Spring, while realising that it is not within his gift to erase at a stroke the two most sacred clauses in the Irish constitution. Mr Reynolds's speech illustrates the perilous ambivalence of the Irish government on the most important issue before it. But, in its nervous struggle for peace, ambivalence is a luxury Ireland can no longer afford.

APRIL SHOWERS

All Fools' day is good news, but only once a year

Yesterday the news was even more surreal than usual. Readers and listeners are accustomed to having their credulity stretched by the "believe it or not" eccentricities of life. This is an old genre going back beyond Herodotus to the Lascaux cave paintings. But here was an archaeological report of the discovery of the 3,000-year-old home of the French cartoon hero Astérix, illustrated by the comic-strip icons. There was a news scoop from Paris, backed up by historical justification, that President Mitterrand had offered the Labour leader, John Smith, the chance of becoming prime minister of France, under a 400-year-old treaty that treats Scots as French citizens.

At the inexpensive end of the market, the *Daily Star* printed a story that Hollywood tycoons had made a megabucks takeover bid for *Coronation Street*, with the intention of converting it into *Coronation Boulevard*. Up at the other end of the inky trade *The Guardian* published a tabloid supplement entitled *Ciao!*, a new Euro-lifestyle section putting the "in" back into intellectual, which gave glutinous profiles of such as Isaiah Berlin, John Birt and Tessa Blackstone, composed with the vacuous celebrity-worship of *Hello!* magazine.

There is an archetypical delight in misrule, whether the tradition of All Fools' day is traced back to the variability of the April weather, the mockeries of the trial of Christ, or to Ceres on a fool's errand looking for her daughter, Proserpine who had been kidnapped by Pluto. *The Guardian* started the trend for media April Fool jokes with its Sans Serif articles about a persuasive but notional country. The BBC scored a hit with its notorious report of the spaghetti harvest. In its day, *The Times* has done worthy work, with a leader that Belgium was going to be abolished, about which inquirers are still concerned, and its story that, to ease congestion, traffic on the M25 was to run one-way in different directions on alternate days.

But when nature starts imitating art, and advertising starts imitating editorial, time may have come to call a temporary halt. The only deliberate untruth in *The Times* yesterday was a paid April Fool advertisement from the Comptroller General of the Patent Office: and several other such advertising spoofs had to be held over.

Mass jokes drive out good. A regular tradition of All Fools' spoofs is an oxymoron, because the soul of a spoof lies in its surprise. At least today there is a full year to go before the media have to try again to invent fictions stranger than the daily news.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Doubters and diehards on Maastricht referendum

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, I am, I must admit, slightly flattered as well as amused to find that I, a flat-dwelling life peer who attained that position after nearly half a century earning my bread and butter as a university teacher, should be classified by Peter Riddell ("Diehard Tebbit tilts at treaty windmill", March 31) alongside the broad-acred aristocrats who furnished the "ditchers" of 1910-11.

This satisfaction does not diminish my regret that Mr Riddell should, in the course of an unwarranted personal attack on Lord Tebbit, try to persuade your readers that Lord Tebbit's followers on the Maastricht issue would turn out to be "reactionaries" of this kind.

In the Lords debate on February 17, when the constitutional aspects of the treaty were under consideration, opinion on the treaty among the many who spoke was fairly evenly divided. Opponents of the treaty on all sides of the House included many younger peers whom it would be hard to caricature as aged "diehards".

It is also hard to see how the so-called Salisbury convention can apply to the Maastricht bill, as Mr Riddell suggests. That convention covers cases where a government has been elected on a manifesto pledge against an opposition hostile to the policy; since support for Maastricht was implicit in all the manifestos, the argument does not apply.

The House of Lords has every right to insert a referendum requirement in the bill and, if and when the bill reaches the House, I am certain that Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit will persuade it to do just that.

Yours truly,
BELOFF,
House of Lords.
March 31.

From Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, Peter Riddell seems to me to take an outdated view of the powers of the House of Lords. No one who reveres our constitution or who cherishes our parliamentary democracy can fail to have been appalled by the pressure brought to bear on Commons backbenchers by both front benches during the passage of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill.

These tactics have revealed a democratic deficit in the Commons of frightening proportions and if it falls to the Lords to correct that, so be it.

In calling for a referendum Lord Tebbit speaks, as, Sir, do you, for the people. If, as now seems possible, the barons are to confront the government they would do so in the name of the people.

I cannot see that the mere mention of the Maastricht treaty in the Conservative manifesto diminishes the authority of the House of Lords, given that all main parties adopted a common position on ratification during the general election and that the treaty was not published until May, *after* the election.

Mr Riddell persists in treating a bill designed to terminate our political independence as though it were some sort of privatisation measure, rather than the most controversial proposal *in our constitutional history*. The House of Lords is not obliged to rubber-stamp it, whatever the government or the House of Commons may say.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SHRIMPTON,
2 King's Bench Walk Chambers,
Temple, EC4.
March 31.

From Mr Julian Grainger

Sir, Peter Riddell states that "the Maastricht bill was clearly a manifesto commitment" of the Conservatives. No such commitment is contained in the 1992 Conservative party's manifesto. Why should Mr Riddell interpret it in this way?

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN GRAINGER,
30 Homestead Road,
Chelsfield, Kent.
March 31.

From Mr M. G. de St V. Atkins

Sir, The practical step that you have taken by publishing the referendum petition (March 29) to help make it possible for the electorate to be consulted on the constitutional future of the United Kingdom will be welcomed by many who feel that they have been effectively disfranchised by the House of Commons that was elected to protect and advance their interests.

It is sadly illuminating that the opposition of the House to a plebiscite on our constitutional future should be maintained when in Moscow a similar defence of old dogmas, old privilege and self-esteem is mounted against the reference of Russia's constitutional future to the electors.

Yours etc,
M. G. de St V. ATKINS,
Goss House, Whittington,
via Carnforth, Lancashire.
March 29.

From Mr Gerald Vinestock

Sir, Since you are so anxious "to play a part in a campaign to enhance participatory democracy" (leading article, March 29), when will you be disseminating a petition for those of us who do *not* want a referendum on the Maastricht treaty?

Yours faithfully,
GERALD VINESTOCK,
2 Overhead Cottages,
Capernwray, Carnforth, Lancashire.
March 29.

From Mr David S. Cooke

Sir, A few weeks ago I wrote to 23 members of the Lords and Commons, advocating early ratification of Maastricht and questioning the need for a referendum. Some of these 23 later turned out to be among the organisers of the Maastricht referendum campaign ("Marc") to which you refer in your leader.

Among the replies which I received from these Marc supporters were three addressing me as "Dear Supporter", enclosing packs of petition papers and asking me to "keep up the fight".

When I taxed the Marc office with this blunder, they apologised — and repeated the mail shot.

Bulldozing of this kind must surely be less than efficacious. I suggest that Marc (and your newspaper seems to be joining it) is trying to ride roughshod over the opinions of ordinary people who understand and agree with the treaty (warts and all) and the processes of its ratification. The space taken by your leader would have been better used to publish more positive information for your readers about the treaty and particularly the social chapter.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID S. COOKE,
Hollyoaks Cottage, Beech Way,
Blackmore End,
Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire.
March 29.

From Mr David Ellis

Sir, Please tell us how to support the referendum petition without being seen to support Norman Tebbit, William Cash *et al*.

Yours faithfully,
D. ELLIS,
The Old Playhouse, Cuckfield Lane,
Warninglid, West Sussex.
March 31.

From Mr Harry Hornsby

Sir, I do not support this referendum campaign. Its leaders seem overwhelmingly to be opposed to Maastricht and the referendum merely a device which they believe will give them the "no" that they seek.

It is in any event scarcely feasible to frame a short and impartial question, yet give the public sufficient facts to enable them to give a simple yes or no answer.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY HORNSBY,
Little Paddock, 20 Waterford Lane,
Lymington, Hampshire.
March 29.

From Mrs M. Lillis Jensen

Sir, Would it not be a disastrous mistake to call a referendum on Maastricht? Very few of those who have read the treaty seem to have understood it. Most people have not read it and do not intend to do so.

Nevertheless, in any referendum the majority of citizens would, I believe, vote against on the ground that they believe the French are frogs.

The present Parliament at Westminster may be a rather moderate assembly, but it is better than mob rule.

Yours truly,
M. LILLIS JENSEN,
47 Doughty Street, WC1.
March 29.

From Mr D. H. Lamont

Sir, Parliament claims supremacy through the nature of our constitutional procedures. To abandon its authority in favour of a congress of appointed executives is not only a breach of those procedures, it is a breach of trust.

In any case, Maastricht is becoming a stinking fish. The easiest way for Parliament to get it off the hook is to hold a referendum — and start again.

Yours etc,
D. H. LAMONT,
2 Home Farm Park,
Church Minshull,
Nantwich, Cheshire.

Setting penalties for drink-drivers

From Mr R. W. Frost

Sir, Other than the victims of those bereaved by a drink-related accident, perhaps many do agree with Mr C. P. Tootal (letter, March 29) that a *minimum disqualification of 12* months is harsh.

What is not disputed is that the sentence is a very effective deterrent *which only a selfish minority ignore*. The roads are that much safer for the rest of us.

A lesson for our legislators when they review unit-value fines and sentencing guidelines in the new Criminal Justice Act?

Yours etc,
R. W. FROST,
40 Pound Hill,
Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.
March 29.

From Mr S. W. Allen

Sir, I believe that any review of *penalties for drink-driving should* take into account the two areas which give rise to more complaint than any other from clients who are disqualified.

First, an individual has no easy way of knowing when he is "over the limit". Almost invariably the defendant has drunk only "a couple of pints of lager". Is the Scandinavian tendency to absolute prohibition preferable, at least on the basis that one knows where one stands?

Secondly, no application for the removal of a disqualification can be made until the expiry of two years from the date of disqualification. This imposes an inequitable hardship upon those relieved of their licence for periods of up to 24 months. They are effectively denied a right of appeal.

Mr Tootal raises the issue of "social consequences", and the complaint that the less well-off will suffer far more than will the wealthy. What's new? However, he must remember that since the financial penalty is in addition to and not in substitution for the disqualification, there is in theory at least scope for parity.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. ALLEN,
Elliott & Allen (solicitors)
34 Dudley Street,
Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands.
March 29.

From Dr Myer Goldman

Sir, Mr Tootal's special pleading on drink-driving offences should cut no ice. The most effective way to stop motorists from drinking before driving is the knowledge of the penalties which await them; and the introduction of random testing would, in my view, be an even greater deterrent.

Such a move is supported by all the Royal Medical Colleges, the British Medical Association, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Automobile Association and even civil liberty bodies.

Yours truly,
MYER GOLDMAN,
36 Druids Cross Gardens,
Liverpool 18.
March 29.

Savoy reopening

From Mr F. J. R. Smith

Sir, Mr J. Martin Haldane (letter, March 27) regrets that the reopening of the Savoy Theatre is not to be celebrated by one of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas performed by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. If this were to be a traditional version such an event would be welcome, but as the company's recent productions bear little resemblance to the originals perhaps they are best ignored.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. R. SMITH,
Barns Close, Dure Lane,
North Molton,
South Molton, Devon.
March 29.

From Mr Julian Courtenay

Sir, The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company will be unavailable for the reopening of the Savoy Theatre as it will be fulfilling a busy touring schedule. The company, now based in Birmingham, is committed to performing the works of Gilbert and Sullivan to as wide an audience as possible, and will always be welcome at the Savoy Theatre should a suitable date be available.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
JULIAN COURTENAY
(General Manager),
Savoy Theatre,
Strand, WC2.
March 29.

Tall story?

From Mr Ted Harrison

Sir, Congratulations on your excellent front-page April Fool spoof story today: "Recession probably over, says Bank governor."

Yours faithfully,
TED HARRISON,
28 The Quay,
Conyer, Sittingbourne, Kent.
April 1.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Tax defaulters

From Mr Robert Shaw

Sir, The arrival on my doormat of the council tax bill calls to mind a feature of the poll tax that I hope has not been forgotten.

Readers will remember that "other adjustment" item in which, I understand, the deficit of the previous year's non-collection was divided up as an extra charge upon the good payers. Last year this supplement was, in my case, £40.91 and the previous year it was £45.76.

I believe that it is the intention of the government that defaulters will continue to be pursued for arrears even after the change to council tax. If so, then eventually the money covered by these sums will be recovered.

Will those of us who have paid these additional amounts then receive specific refunds or will the recovered money be put to reduce council tax bills generally, including those of poll tax defaulters?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SHAW,
32 Foster Road, Chiswick, W4.
April 1.

Homeless on TV

From the Director of Shelter

Sir, In response to your television review (March 31) of "Come on Down and Out" I would like to point out that your view that the programme did not say very much about homelessness was not shared by the majority of people who telephoned Shelter after it was shown.

Of the hundreds of calls received on our special help-lines, 60 per cent welcomed the programme as "brilliant", "innovative", and in the words of one caller "better than 100 documentaries".

A man who had been living rough for three years told us that the programme was the most accurate TV portrayal of how he had been treated that he had seen in years.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA McKECHNIE,
Director, Shelter,
88 Old Street, EC1.

Kenyan elections

From Mr Karl A. Ziegler

Sir, Were it not so tragic for the majority of Kenya's suppressed and apparently abandoned would-be democratic voters, your excellent leading article, "Lord of misrule" (March 25), would remind readers of the early scenes of Eddie Murphy's comic portrayal of a regally bored African ruler in the film, *Coming to America*. Sadly for all Kenyans, President Moi is not bored in his role.

Anybody who visited Kenya during the recent election period (as I did) would have been astounded by the reverential drivel on all Kenyan TV and radio stations about the "imperial" President Moi. Daily portrayals of him as the source of all good things for Kenyans fooled no one, least of all Kenyans, who have grown accustomed to the oft-promised and undelivered economic deliverance.

Kenyans themselves are fed up and mystified. They see that the local and foreign business leaders and representatives of foreign governments appear to tolerate a self-appointed, corrupt, rogue regime. It appears to them that the "pay the necessary bribe" mentality continues to dominate Kenyan business dealings, despite the obvious slide into political and economic chaos.

Both of the Moi-sanctioned observer teams — one from the Commonwealth, one from the US-based International Republican Institute — catalogued extensive election irregularities and Kanu party abuses. Sadly, both teams had left the country while ballot boxes were being stuffed with new Kanu votes and swapped around to areas where Moi's support was weakest. As they departed, they each and separately opined, unconvincingly, that the elections represented "a great leap forward for democracy in Kenya".

Last week in Nairobi Moi's widely discredited electoral commissioner proclaimed that it would be at least five years before opposition petitions against election-rigging would be heard in the Kenyan courts. This, combined with Moi's rejection of responsible aid donors' conditions on overdue economic reforms, must surely signal the end of any perceived legitimacy afforded to the Moi regime, either internally or externally.

Diplomatic, donor group and international financial organisation pressure should be brought to bear on Kenya immediately, to demand accountability, fresh, more rigorously supervised elections, and the return of flight capital extracted from public resources by the present ruling elite, together with the reintroduction of an independent judiciary and civil service and respect for the rule of law, both by the governed and the governors.

Yours etc,
KARL A. ZIEGLER
(Director), The Centre for
Accountability and Debt Relief,
6 Bradbrook House, Studio Place,
Kinnerton Street, SW1.
March 29.

From the Acting High Commissioner for Kenya

Sir, Your editorial is dictatorial and insensitive. President Moi is not the first African ruler to reject the unrealistic conditions imposed by the International Monetary Fund, conditions that have clearly not worked elsewhere. The highest responsibility of any government is to its citizens, not foreigners, and it is time our economic reforms were honestly reappraised abroad rather than blindly condemned.

As with other countries, Kenya has its share of corruption, but it is hypocritical to condemn only the recipients, as you do, while sparing the givers. In many cases it is the latter who initiate corruption in their greed to win favours.

Your call for the West to back the opposition against the government confirms the long-held suspicion of many in Kenya that there was a hidden agenda not for democracy but to defeat the people's will.

President Moi won the elections and the rules should not be changed just because the preferred candidates were rejected by the people.

Yours sincerely,
M. NGALI,
Kenya High Commission,
45 Portland Place, W1.
March 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 1: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, today reviewed the Royal Air Force at Royal Air Force Marham to mark the 75th anniversary (Group Captain Niall Irving Officer Commanding).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman) and the Secretary of State for Defence (the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP).

The parade received The Queen with a Royal salute.

Her Majesty inspected the parade and presented a new Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Parade and the Chief of the Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon) replied.

Having viewed an indoor exhibition, Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, honoured the Royal Air Force Board with her presence at luncheon in the officers' mess.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and The Duke of Gloucester were present.

In the afternoon The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, viewed an outdoor exhibition.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major-General Brian Pennicott, Major James Patrick and Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the final dinner of the Managing the Marine Environment Conference, Lerwick, Shetland, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr Magnus Shearer).

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 1: The Princess Royal this afternoon attended the first meeting of the International Brain Injury Forum: the Quest for Better Outcomes, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt).

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the 75th Anniversary Review of the Royal Air Force at Royal Air Force Marham today.

The Lady Angela Oswald was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 1: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a Meeting of The Prince's Council. His Royal Highness this evening held a meeting and gave a dinner to discuss heritage issues.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charlemagne, King of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor 801-14, Aix-la-Chapelle, 747; Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, Venice, 1725; Catharine Macaulay, historian, Wye, Kent, 1731; Hans Christian Andersen, storyteller, Odense, Denmark, 1805; William Holman Hunt, painter, member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, London, 1827; Emile Zola, novelist and critic, Paris, 1840; Sergei Rachmaninov, composer and pianist, Oneg, Russia, 1873; Max Ernst, surrealist painter and sculptor, Brühl, Germany, 1891; Marvin Gaye, singer, Washington DC, 1939.

DEATHS: Honoré Mirabeau, politician and orator, Paris, 1791; Sir James Clark Ross, Polar explorer, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1862; Richard Cobden, "the Apostle of Free Trade", London, 1865; Samuel Morse, painter and inventor of the telegraphic code bearing his name, New York, 1872; Edward O'Connor Terry, actor-manager, 1912; C.S. Forester, novelist, Fullerton, California, 1966; Georges Pompidou, President of France 1969-74, Paris, 1974.

The Spanish Civil War officially ended, 1939.

Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, 1982.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust, will visit the work, sport and leisure seminar week at the Haven Holiday Centre, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, at 10.40.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Copper Cliff Hospice, 74 Redhill Drive, Brighton, at 11.05; will visit Ian Fraser House, St Dunstan's Home for the Blind, Greenways, Ovingdean, at 12.15; and Pearson House, St Dunstan's Home for the Blind, Abbey Road, Brighton, at 2.10.

Dinners

Defence and Security Forum
The Ambassador of Jordan, accompanied by Mrs Ayoub, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Defence and Security Forum (incorporating Families for Defence) held last night at the Carlton Club. Lady Olga Maitland, MP, president, was in the chair.

London Society of Chartered Accountants
Mr John Hoare, BSc, FCA, Chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, presided at the annual Committee Dinner of the London Society of Chartered Accountants held at Glazier's Hall yesterday. The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Mr Ian Plaistowe, MA, FCA, was the guest of honour. Other guests included Alderman Sir Brian Jenkins, Sir Alan Hardcastle, Mr Andrew Colquhoun, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Institute, and the Presidents of other District Societies of the Institute.

Service dinner

Royal Artillery
General Sir Martin Farndale presided at the Royal Artillery spring dinner held last night in Woolwich. Among those present were:
The Acting High Commissioner for India and Shrimati Rajan, Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Carver, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, and Mrs Rifkind and General Sir Peter and Lady Inge.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street to launch the Excalibur Scheme.

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith on Wednesday, April 28, at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Royal Navy promotions

The following provisional selections for promotion in the Royal Navy have been made to date October 1, 1993.

Special Duties List
Seaman
To COMMANDER: J A Connell.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: C Bate; D J D Fowles; M H Druty; S M Kimber; D R Stephens; K A H Cooper; A L Roberts; P Biggs; M Croft; T J Kelly; N E Hinch; F Nowosielski.
Engineering
To COMMANDER: C Joly; P F Miles; S J Alexander.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: L G D Young; S Bennetts; F W T Brazier; R A G Mansfield; K Todd; D Cooper; N P Ford; J M Hartley; A Hollis; W R Russan; R Tougher; J A Burrows; J Pitcher; B Dickinson; B D Sweeny; D L Goodrich; P J V Muscroft; P R Stubbings; K B Digweed; D Gray; K Greenfield; K Kirk; M P Martin.
Supply and Secretariat
To COMMANDER: N Howden.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: R S Smith; T M Miles; C A Wunderle; P K Burt; M Howell.
Medical Services
To COMMANDER: F Reed.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: S K Jackson; R J Holyer; S McKinlay.

Supplementary List
Seaman
To COMMANDER: P G Goss; I G Milne; A G P Pounder.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: F B Anderson; C M Wilkinson; C C Macbean; P W Skinner; J D A Burgess; D I Chartres; P J Thornton; K Doherty; R J Noble; S P Lawrence; N P Dukes; M J Eales; D H Mackay; S J Bradburn; G B Nicholson; P D Owen; H A Stacey; N G Davis; D M Robertson; S Cheyne; D P Wolstenholme; G N Bowker; A M C Healy; D E Bird; P M C Clark; T C Eastaugh; J C Snowball; S J Powell.
Engineering
To COMMANDER: no selections.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: I D Kempsell; P Janaway.
Supply and Secretariat
To COMMANDER: J R Cameron.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: N W McKnight.
Instructor specialisation
To COMMANDER: no selections.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: I F Warren; T C Mills; N A Talbot; J Norcliffe; G K Smith; P D Franks; A B Williams; R A Hamilton; B D Robinson; M Jones.

Women's Royal Naval Service
Supplementary List
To COMMANDER: no selections.
To LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: C K Silver; S K Payn.

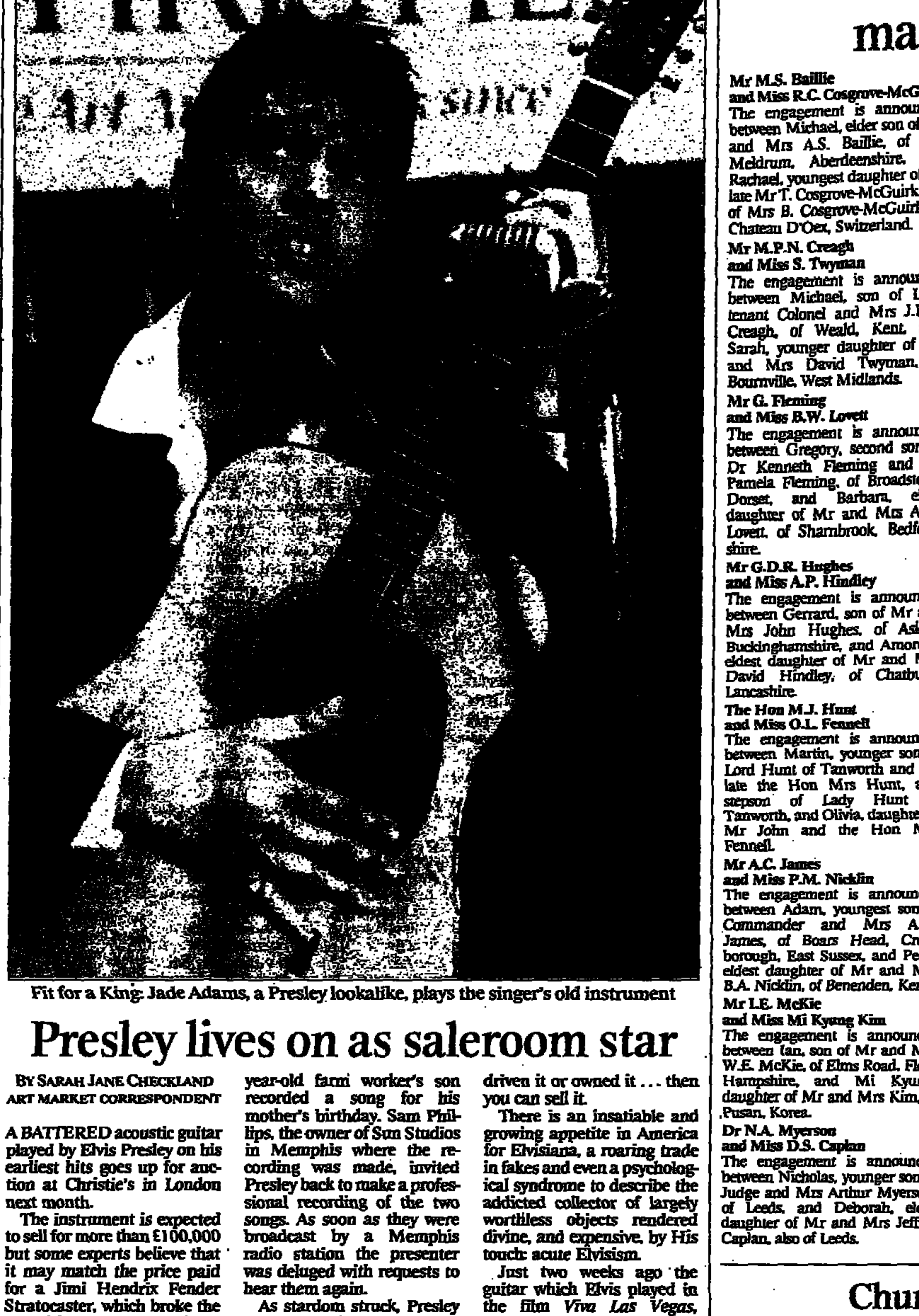
Royal Marines
To CAPTAIN (SD): Z M Fee; D C Dyke; C G Skinner; W C O'Brien; A Jones; D J Marino.
To CAPTAIN (SD) (B): no selections.

Birthdays today

Sir Jack Brabham, racing driver, 67; Mr Linford Christie, athlete, 33; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 75; Captain Sir Richard Dobbs, Lord Lieutenant of co. Antrim, 74; Mr Ellis Douek, otologist, 59; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, former chairman, Alliance Building Society, 89; Sir Christopher France, civil servant, 59; Miss Catherine Gaskin, author, 64; Mr Raymond Gubbay, concert promoter, 47; Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 79; Viscount Hambleden, 63; Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 56; Sir Ian Hunter, impresario, 74; Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 53; Sir Peter Lazarus, civil servant, 67; Sir Peter Middleton, civil servant, 59; Sir Robert Munro, former president, Senate of Fiji, 86; the Marquess of Northampton, 47; Major-General C.J. Popham, 66; Mr M.G. Rizzello, sculptor and coin designer, 67; Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman, British Gas, 69; Lord Skelmersdale, 48; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Thompson, 62; Miss Sue Townsend, writer, 47; Mr Denis Tuohy, broadcaster, 56.

Service reception

British Forces Detachment, Turkey
Group Captain A.J.H. Alcock and senior RAF staff of the British Forces Detachment at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, held a reception last night at the base to mark the 75th anniversary of the RAF. Brigadier General Kurt B. Anderson, USAF, and Brigadier General Cetin Dizdar, Turkish Air Force, the commanding generals of Operation Provide Comfort, were the senior guests.



Fit for a King: Jade Adams, a Presley lookalike, plays the singer's old instrument

Presley lives on as saleroom star

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A BATTERED acoustic guitar played by Elvis Presley on his earliest hits goes up for auction at Christie's in London next month.

The instrument is expected to sell for more than £100,000 but some experts believe that it may match the price paid for a Jimi Hendrix Fender Stratocaster, which broke the record for a guitar in 1989 at £199,000.

The Presley guitar is a mass-production model from the Martin factory of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Its value comes from its use in recording "That's all right (Mama)" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky", which shot Presley to stardom in July 1954.

According to Carey Wallace of Christie's in Kensington, it may also feature in his very first recording: when the 18-year-old farm worker's son recorded a song for his mother's birthday. Sam Phillips, the owner of Sun Studios in Memphis where the recording was made, invited Presley back to make a professional recording of the two songs. As soon as they were broadcast by a Memphis radio station the presenter was deluged with requests to hear them again.

As stardom struck, Presley toured with the guitar for two years. But on signing with the RCA record label in 1956, the instrument was traded in at a Memphis store. The following day a fan bought it. It was later acquired by the British collector who is now selling it.

☐ Elvis Presley is the King with the Midas touch (Ben Macintyre writes from New York). If the late, great rocker has worn it, strummed it, cooked it, adorned it, written on it, slept in it, eaten off it, driven it or owned it ... then you can sell it.

There is an insatiable and growing appetite in America for Elvisiana, a roaring trade in fakes and even a psychological syndrome to describe the addicted collector of largely worthless objects rendered divine, and expensive, by His touch: acute Elvisism.

Just two weeks ago the guitar which Elvis played in the film *Viva Las Vegas*, although battered and missing an E string, sold for $22,000 in California.

Judging by prices at a recent sale of Elvisiana, it is in the smaller, more mundane items that bargains lurk: with guitar picks, autographs and handkerchiefs all snapped up.

According to Jack Mingo, author of *The Whole Pop Catalogue*, "People want to possess more than his music. They are buying a piece of Elvis."

Latest wills

The Rev Arthur Kenneth **Mathews**, of Westwell, Burford, Oxfordshire, former Dean of St Albans, left estate valued at £285,672 net. He left £500 to Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and £200 each to the Chairman's Fund of the Norfolk Association and Oxfam.

Mr Dudley James **Glanfield**, of Windlesham, Surrey, treasurer of the Society for Individual Freedom and who helped to secure an ombudsman for Britain, left estate valued at £2,272,159.
He left his collection of old costumes, coats and cloaks and other historical articles of apparel to Bath Museum of Costume, and £500 to the PCC of Chobham with Valley End, requesting they maintain his grave in Valley End Churchyard.

Mr John Elwyn **Evans**, of Llanfair, Harlech, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £801,413 net. He died intestate.

University news

Oxford
Professor Colin Mayer, Professor of Economics and Finance at Warwick University, is to be Peter Moores Professor of Management Studies in the new School of Management Studies.

His is the first professorial appointment to the school and will formally take up his post in April 1994.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.S. Baillie and Miss R.C. Cosgrove-McGuirk
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Baillie, of Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire, and Rachael, youngest daughter of the late Mr T. Cosgrove-McGuirk and of Mrs B. Cosgrove-McGuirk, of Chateau D'Oex, Switzerland.

Mr M.P.N. Creagh and Miss S. Twyman
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.P.N. Creagh, of Weald, Kent, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Twyman, of Bournville, West Midlands.

Mr G. Fleming and Miss B.W. Lovett
The engagement is announced between Gregory, second son of Dr Kenneth Fleming and Dr Pamela Fleming, of Broadstone, Dorset, and Barbara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Lovett, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

Mr G.D.R. Hughes and Miss A.P. Hindley
The engagement is announced between Gerrard, son of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Askett, Buckinghamshire, and Amorelle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hindley, of Chatburn, Lancashire.

The Hon M.J. Hunt and Miss O.L. Fennell
The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Lord Hunt of Tanworth and the late the Hon Mrs Hunt, and stepson of Lady Hunt of Tanworth, and Olivia, daughter of Mr John and the Hon Mrs Fennell.

Mr A.C. James and Miss P.M. Nicklin
The engagement is announced between Adam, youngest son of Commander and Mrs A.D. James, of Boars Head, Crowborough, East Sussex, and Pearl, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.A. Nicklin, of Benenden, Kent.

Mr I.E. McKie and Miss Mi Kyung Kim
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs W.E. McKie, of Elms Road, Fleet, Hampshire, and Mi Kyung, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kim, of Pusan, Korea.

Dr N.A. Myerson and Miss D.S. Caplan
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Judge and Mrs Arthur Myerson, of Leeds, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Caplan, also of Leeds.

Mr G. MacLaren and Miss L.A.W. Vowler
The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Mr and Mrs James MacLaren, of Kilcreggan, Dunbartonshire, and Laurie Anne, elder daughter of Mr William Vowler and the late Mrs Eloise Vowler, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Dr M. Pilkington and Miss M. Magagnini
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Eve and Godfrey Pilkington, of Buckland, Oxfordshire, and Miranda, younger daughter of Dr Antonio and Jessie Magagnini, of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr B.H.R. Stubbs and Miss E.J. Reid
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mrs Robert Woodman, JP, of Ashprington, Devon, and the late Mr Herbert Stubbs, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Reid, of Otford, Kent.

Dr R.W. Walker and Miss C.M. Woolrych
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Professor W. and Dr J. Walker, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Caroline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs M.E. Woolrych, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr L. Walton and Miss N.J. Fane De Salis
The engagement is announced between Luke, son of Dr Geoffrey and Dr Elizabeth Walton, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Fane De Salis, of Midhurst, Sussex.

Marriages

Sir John Bowman, Bt, and Mrs J.G.O. Miller
The marriage has taken place quietly between Sir John Paget Bowman, 4th Bt, widower of Frances, and Christian, daughter of the late Sir Arthur Grant, 10th Bt of Monymusk and widow of John G.O. Miller.

Mr P.J.R. Zisman and Miss S.J. Stanley
The marriage took place on Thursday, April 1, 1993, of Mr Paul Zisman, son of the late Professor and Mrs Leslie Zisman, of Richmond, Surrey, to Miss Sybella Stanley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stanley, of North Moreton, Oxfordshire.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Howard Ansell, Rector, Little Waltham: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Great Leighs (Chelmsford).
The Rev Jeffrey Arcus, Team Vicar, St Thomas and St George, in the parish of Christ the King, Bury: to be Vicar, St John and St Paul, Ramsbottom (Manchester).
The Rev John Balch, Vicar, Erith St Paul, and Rural Dean of Erith (Rochester): to be Priest-in-charge, Fairlight (Chichester).
The Rev David Barnes, Curate, East Compton: to be Vicar, St Ann, Belfield (Manchester).
The Rev Jeremy Bird, Rector, Chipstable w Huish Champflower and Clatworthy, and Rural Affairs Officer (Bath and Wells): to be Vicar, Uffculme (Exeter).
The Rev Phillippa Boardman, Curate, St Mary w St Stephen Walthamstow (Chelmsford): to be Curate, St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick (London).
The Rev David Bowers, Curate, Christ Church, Walmsley, Bolton: to be Vicar, St James, Milnrow (Manchester).
The Rev Graham Burrows, Assistant Curate, St Clement, Chorlton-cum-Hardy: to be Team Vicar, St Catherine, in the united benefice of Horwich (Manchester).
The Rev Christopher Chessun, Chaplain, St Paul's Cathedral: to be Rector, St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney (London).
The Rev Kip Crookes, Assistant Curate, The Quinton (Birmingham): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Ince-in-Makerfield (Liverpool).
The Rev Keith Ellwood, Priest-in-charge, Hugill (Carlisle): to be Priest-in-charge, Coldwaltham (Chichester).
The Rev Gerald Evans, Rector, Tillington, Upwaltham and Duncton: to be Rector, West Chiltington, and Ecumenical Officer for Horsham Archdeaconry (Chichester).
The Rev Ian Fishwick, Vicar, Christ Church, Walshaw, Bury (Manchester): to be Vicar, St John w St James, West Ealing (London).
The Rev Ian Gaskell, Vicar, Cleckheaton St Luke and Whitechapel: to be Vicar, Birkenshaw St Paul cum Hunsworth (Wakefield).
The Rev Stephen Gregory, Rector, Holt and High Kelling, Surrogate, and Chaplain, Kelling Hospital: to be *also* Rural Dean of Holt (Norwich).
The Rev David Houghton, Team Vicar, Clapham Team Ministry, parish of the Church of the Holy Spirit: to be *also* Rural Dean of Clapham (Southwark).
The Rev Dominic Ind, Assistant Priest, Holy Innocents, in the parish of Birch w Fallowfield (Manchester): to test his vocation with the Society of St Francis.
The Rev Yvonne Irvine, Parish Deacon, Walton St Mary w St Philip: to be Minister-in-charge, Beccles St Luke (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).
The Rev Michael Jones, Priest-in-charge, St Hugh, Holts: to be Vicar, All Saints, Hamer (Manchester).
The Rev Anthony Norton, Team Vicar, Trunch Team Ministry (Norwich): to be Team Vicar, Halesworth Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

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Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died and when the centurion who was standing opposite him saw how the died, he said, 'This man must have been a son of God.' St. Mark 15 : 37,39.

BIRTHS

BAKER - On March 31st 1993, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Karen (née Hartwell) and Nicholas, a son, a brother for Rosanna and Francesca.

BRUN - On 17th March 1993, to Anderly (née Kellett) and Edward, a son, Charles Caspian Constantin (Kit), a brother for Clementine, Frederick and Archie.

CURTIS-WARD - On March 31st 1993 at the Wellington Hospital, London, to Lucy and Sean, by the grace of God a handsome son, James Edward Stephen, a brother for Claire Elizabeth.

DALE - On March 22nd, to Catherine (née Watson) and Howard, a daughter, Caroline Philippa Claire, a sister for Thomas.

GIBSON - On Tuesday March 30th 1993, at The Portland Hospital, to Rosemary (née Overall) and Tim, a son, William Francis Radcliffe.

GRIFFITHS-LAMBETH - On March 26th 1993, at The Portland Hospital, to Kate and Neil, a wonderful son, Charles Alexander John.

JANE - On March 26th, to Andrea and Phillip, a son, James Albert, a brother for Charlotte and Matthew.

LITTLE - On 18th March 1993, to Kate and Brian, a daughter, Louisa Ruby, sister to Max and Sam.

PERKINS - On March 28th, to Serena (née Pease) and Johnny, a daughter, Imogen Lucy Clare.

PRITCHARD-BARRETT - On March 27th, to Joanna (née Marks) and Andrew, a daughter, Poppy Marie, a sister to Sophie.

REYNOLDS - On March 31st at Luton & Dunstable Hospital, to Denise (née Harman) and Terry, a son, Adam Wayne, a brother for Grant.

RIGBY - To Sarah (née Gridley) and Jeremy on 27th March 1993, a son, Sebastian Thornburn, a brother for Benjamin.

SANDIFER - On March 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Mary (née Bruton) and John, a son, Henri Lucien, a brother for Genevieve and Julien.

BIRTHS

SCHNEIDER - On 25th March, to Corinne (née Corrigan) and Edward, a daughter, Emily Corinne.

SKINNER - On March 30th at the Wellington Hospital, to Jane (née Wood) and Andrew, a son, James Alexander Urquhart.

STALLIBRASS - On March 27th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Hilary (née Martin) and Michael, a daughter, a sister for Jamie and Rory !!!

STATHAM - On March 29th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Fiona (née Minoprio) and Christopher, a son, Jamie Cameron Minoprio. Always remembering Charlie.

STONEHILL - On April fools' day 1993, to Siân (née Powell) and Charles, a son, James Charles Thoroton.

STRAKER - On March 31st, to Rodrica (née Chichester-Constable) and James, a daughter, Isabel Consuelo, a sister for Jack.

VICKERS - On March 29th, to Mo and James, a son, Ben Douglas, a brother for Antonia.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CRICHTON:HIGGS - Ian and Ruth married April 2nd 1943 at Rosslyn Chapel and still in Mortimer with M.O.T.

DEATHS

BENNETT - On March 31st, peacefully in his sleep at home, Dr. Christopher Frederick Norris Bennett. Beloved husband, father, brother and friend of many. Funeral at All Saints Church, Houghton, nr. Stockbridge, on Thursday April 8th at 12 noon. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross may be sent to A.H. Cheater, Funeral Directors, Romsey.

BREWERTON - On March 30th, peacefully at home, Richard Stanley Elmore, aged 74, beloved husband of Sylvia and a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Thursday April 8th at 1.30pm. Please no flowers, donations to S.W. Herts Hospice Appeal or Michael Sobell House, Mount Vernon, would be welcomed.

CHATTERTON - Castleknock, Dublin, March 31st 1993, Bernard James (Jimmy), late of Sudan Political Service.

CLAYTON - On 31st March, peacefully at home in Liphook, surrounded by her loving family, Edith, aged 98. Widow of Reginald; mother of Jean, Martin, Shirley and the late Tony; grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 10. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Bramshott, at 11 am on 7th April. Family flowers or donations to Help the Aged.

CROZIER - Lila (baptised Mary Lillian) died peacefully on Wednesday March 31st, in The Garden Hospital, Hendon, after a protracted series of illnesses since July 1989. She is mourned by her husband, Brian Crozier; their daughters, Kathryn-Anne and Isobel (who were at her bedside) and Caroline, and their son, Michael; by their twelve grandchildren: Michael, Richard, Toby, Christina, Adam, Gregory and Timothy (twins), Tamsin, Guy, Sophia, Christabel and Jasmin; and by all who knew her.

DAVIES - On 31st March 1993, peacefully, Sqd. Ldr. Peter F.M. Davies, aged 73, dear husband of Vicki and father of Robin. Service Chichester Crematorium Tuesday 6th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester.

DIXON - On March 31st John Matthias of Borwicks Aynsome Cartmel Cumbria, in his 97th year. A greatly loved father grandfather and great-grandfather. Service at Cartmel Priory on Thursday 8th April at 2 pm. Family flowers only in accordance with his wishes. If friends so desire, donations may be made in his name to Boarbank Hall Grange-over-Sands Cumbria. A remarkable gentleman who will be missed by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

GLYNN - On March 24th 1993, peacefully at Gloucester House Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, after a long illness endured with courage and dignity, Stanley, devoted husband of Mary, dearly loved father of Janet and Hilary and a much loved grandfather. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St John's Church, Church Road, Sidcup, Kent, on Monday April 19th at 11 am to which all friends are invited. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Surgical Aid Society c/o Mr R. Simmons, Gloucester House, Lansdowne Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3XU.

GOODWIN - Suddenly in Nairobi on 29th March, Susie (née Blundell). Adored mother of Emma and Georgina and greatly loved by Lindsay. A Memorial Service on 16th April at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi.

GRENFELL - Reginald Pascoe, widower of Joyce, peacefully at home on 31st March. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

HALL - On March 30th, suddenly at home, Cynthia Elizabeth (née Seed) in her 86th year. Beloved Mother of Martin, Christine, Michael and Quentin, adored Granny to her 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Deal, at 11.30am, Wednesday 7th April, followed by private committal. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Hon. Sec. Goodwin Sands and Downs Ladies Lifeboat Guild, 25 Warwick Road, Walmer, Kent CT14 7JE.

HANVEY - On March 30th 1993, John T. Hanvey, C.B.E. Dearly loved son of Muriel and the late Robert J. Hanvey. High Mass of Requiem at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London W1, on Tuesday April 6th 1993 at 7.30 pm followed by private committal. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to All Saints Choir and Music Trust Fund. Greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues.

HUBBARD - On March 29th 1993, Christopher Philip, suddenly from cancer, aged 53 years. Much loved son of Kay and the late Dr. Philip Hubbard, dear brother of Jane and Margie and a loving uncle. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Tuesday April 13th at 2.30 pm.

KINDERSLEY - On March 31st 1993, peacefully at home, Lieutenant Colonel Dick Kindersley, DSO, MC, DL, aged 81. Beloved husband of Vivien and father of Gloria, Avril and Sukie. Cremation (family only) at the Isle of Wight Crematorium. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 pm at Shalfleet Church on 8th April. No flowers please but donations to IoW Charitable Trust, c/o Everson's, Broadway, Totland, IoW, PO39 0AS and enquiries to 0983-756733.

PALMER - William John, CBE. Formerly of the Indian Civil Service, Colonial Service and Foreign Service, peacefully at home on 30th March. Beloved husband of Vanda, father of Nigel, Caroline and Deborah, loving grandfather of Daniel, Hatty, Molly and Jack and brother of Helen. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Icomb, on Monday 12th April at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG.

PERRETT - On March 30th, peacefully but suddenly at his home, Nicholas John Lyne, aged 57, son of the late Harold and Lilian Perrett and much loved brother of Cecilia Birch. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Tuesday April 6th at 3.20 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Citizens Advice Bureau, Littlehampton.

PERRY - On Wednesday March 31st in her 63rd year, Marion Barbara, peacefully in Kenley, Surrey, wife of the late Raymond and mother of Mark and Simon. Flowers if wished to Ebbutt Funeral Services tel: (0883) 713767. Service at 2.30 pm on Tuesday April 6th at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey and afterwards at Bletchingley. Mum - with all our hearts we pray you find the deserved peace denied to you in life.

ROBINSON - On 30th March 1993, peacefully, Edith Constance, widow of Walter Edward (Hector) Robinson. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral 2.30pm Monday 5th April at St Mary's, Stansted.

RUSSELL - On March 30th at Fontmell Magna, Dorset, George Lawrence (Gilbert) Russell, priest and physician, loving husband of Anne and affectionate and much loved father of Elizabeth, Susan, Martin and Judy. Family cremation service at Salisbury on April 7th. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30pm on April 7th at Fontmell Magna, Dorset. Donations to Save the Children Fund, Oxfam or Red Cross.

SIMPSON - On 1st April 1993, peacefully in hospital, Alan Victor aged 68 years of Bradpole, Bridport. Dear husband of Caryl, loving father of Zoe, Leonie and grandfather of Tammy. Funeral Service at the United Church, Bridport, on Thursday 8th April at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The National Asthma Campaign c/o A.J. Wakely and Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

TENNANT - Sue, beloved wife of Mike and mother of Mark, Paul and Toby, peacefully on March 31st after a courageous battle against MS. Funeral, Maundy Thursday at Amesbury Abbey Church, 11.30 am. Memorial Service at RMA Sandhurst Chapel, 3pm Sunday May 9th.

THOMAS - On March 25th 1993, Charles Tudor Bennett Joseph, ex Royal Navy, late Headmaster Staddles. Private funeral.

TUNBRIDGE - On March 31st 1993, peacefully after a long illness, Guy, aged 73. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 6th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Trinity Hospice c/o J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead, NW3.

WALKDEN - On March 27th, suddenly on holiday in Cyprus, Clifford aged 73, dearly beloved and loving husband of Florence, father of Valerie and Julia and grandfather of Susan, Linda, Natasha and Richard. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 6th April at 2 pm at the Methodist Church, Brighton Road, Coulsdon. Family flowers only, donations to the Chest, Heart & Stroke Foundation to Truelove & Son, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2RB.

ZUCKERMAN - On April 1st 1993, Lord Zuckerman, O.M., K.C.B., F.R.S., died of a heart attack, aged 88. Much loved by his wife Joan, son Paul and grandchildren Hester and Sebastian. Cremation strictly family only by his request. Memorial Service announcement to follow later.

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LORD ZUCKERMAN

Lord Zuckerman, OM, KCB, FRS, chief scientific adviser to the Secretary of State for Defence, 1960-66, and chief scientific adviser to the government, 1964-71, died of a heart attack yesterday aged 88. He was born in Cape Town on May 30, 1904.

FROM HIS career beginnings as an academic anatomist Solly Zuckerman branched out to become one of the most influential British scientific brains in the second world war. Thereafter he was, successively, chief scientific adviser to both Conservative and Labour defence ministers in the first half of the 1960s, and was (for the first two years, in tandem with his defence job) chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet Office in the first two administrations of Harold Wilson. In such a post, given the Labour prime minister's attachment to the idea of exploiting the "white heat of the technological revolution" in what was to be a thoroughly modern socialist government, much was expected, if not actually delivered. But by that time Zuckerman's most valuable work — notably that on the effects of wartime bombing — had been done.

Becoming an expert on the use of air power was not a forseeable progression for a man whose early work had been on such subjects as *The Social Life of Monkeys and Apes*. But by the end of his career the same man was writing books like *Star Wars in a Nuclear World*. Yet the wider recognition of Zuckerman's remarkable talents began from his anatomical work. While a lecturer in anatomy at Oxford he had been asked to research on the effects of bomb blast on mammalian tissue. From that relatively limited task he became an authority on the effectivenes of bombing in general. His success in this owed much to his personality. He was able to make himself trusted by the army and air force commanders in the field — men of a type often not given to taking "boffins" on trust.

Thus he was able to make his ideas effective in practice. The invasion of Italy and, later, the Normandy landings greatly benefited from his insights. Had he been listened to at the very top of Bomber Command, the continuing and wasteful area bombing campaign might have been exchanged for something much more precise and effective in terms of paralysing supplies to the German armies. Zuckerman himself remained convinced to the end that such a redeployment of air forces to a tactical role would undoubtedly have shortened a war which, in spite of the awesome weight of the strategic air offensive, only ended with the surrender of the enemy on the battlefield.

Zuckerman was educated at the South African Collegiate School and the University of Cape Town where he was Liberman Scholar. His first inclination had been to study chemistry but other counsels directed him to the Medical School of the University of Cape Town, where he completed his pre-clinical studies in 1923. Cape Town had no clinical school: Zuckerman accordingly came to London with letters of introduction to Arthur Keith and Grafton Elliot Smith, and the manuscript of a paper on the growth of the skulls of baboons that was soon accepted for publication in the *Proceedings of the Zoological Society*. Elliot Smith persuaded Zuckerman to enrol at University College as a medical student. But clinical work had no appeal to him, and after qualifying he was appointed Research Anatomist to the Zoological Society. To the zoo, in one capacity or another, he remained faithful all his life.

Zuckerman's student work on the growth of skulls laid the foundations of one of the most insistent of his later interests: his determination to compare bones and skulls by measurement rather than by mere description, and so to put speculation upon the ancestry of man upon new and firmer foundations. Several new and useful metrical techniques were devised either by Zuckerman's colleagues to reinforce his evolutionary opinions or by his opponents to confute them; for, salutary though they were, the methods that should have quietened controversy, in fact, inflamed it. Zuckerman was not a conformist and much of his work went against current thought.

He declined, for example, to believe that the secretions of the anterior part of the pituitary gland were themselves under control of a hormone manufactured in the brain and transmitted directly to the gland through the bloodstream. He denied that the egg cells of mammals were manufactured anew throughout life, maintaining (as Waldeyer had done before him) that the number of egg cells, and therefore the number of potential offspring, was fixed by the time of birth or at some very early stage of life, and steadily declined thereafter. In this second opinion, sustained by experiments and observations of great care and thoroughness, he won almost all biologists to his side.

Zuckerman's chief work was on



the control of sexual activity and behaviour by the hormones of the gonads and adrenal glands, and in this domain he was an elder statesman. His interpretations of the menstrual cycle of primates and his general theory of the reactivities of different tissues to the sex hormones are now part of standard literature.

Yet it may be that when psychology comes of age, the work of Zuckerman's that will be judged most important is that on the social behaviour of primates which he began as a boy in South Africa and pursued so brilliantly at the zoo: work summarised in his *The Social Life of Monkeys and Apes*, (1931) and *The Functional Affinities of Man, Monkeys and Apes* (1933). Here he set new standards of cool "objective" writing in a field of research which had until then been notorious for the lack of it: modern research into behaviour owes more to Zuckerman's ideas and scientific style than he is commonly given credit for, in spite of the technical shortcomings of his own analysis.

Zuckerman owed his scientific success to great intelligence and intellectual thrust: to speed of apprehension, grasp and energy. It is a mixture that will serve many other purposes, and Zuckerman was the kind of scientist who could have been a great many other things instead, and with equally great success.

It was his first book *The Social Life of Apes and Monkeys* which brought him an invitation to run a new ape research centre being set up in Florida by Yale University; though he decided that the centre was too isolated, he remained for a time at Yale as a research associate and Rockefeller research fellow. He returned to Britain in 1934 as a lecturer and demonstrator in human anatomy at Oxford and became immersed in the study of hormones and reproductive rhythms; the idea of developing an oral contraceptive was not ignored. Since it was difficult to draw up a programmed series of experiments on human beings he acquired a collection of apes. These greatly enlivened the environs of the university museum — excelling themselves on the night they got loose and sported among the skeletons.

Early in the second world war it became urgently necessary to decide what blast damage the human frame could withstand. A variety of experiments was conducted in some of which Zuckerman's unfortunate apes played their part. It was his grisly task to analyse the results obtained.

From the middle years of the war he became closely associated with Sir Arthur Tedder, successively AOC-in-C RAF Middle East, Air C-in-C Mediterranean Air Command, and deputy supreme commander under General Eisenhower. An early instance of this association was in the reduction of Pantelleria, a preliminary to the invasion of Sicily. It was the first defended place to be reduced to surrender (in the second world war) as a result of air and naval bombardment alone. The campaign began on May 15 and was ended by the island's surrender on June 11.

Throughout the planning and execution Zuckerman, with Tedder's encouragement and support, studied operations and directed research. He made a thorough analysis of the nature and construction of the defences, the types of bombs and fusing needed and the accuracy of the different types of squadron. Zuckerman's report after the surrender and his later analyses of the bombing in Sicily and Italy markedly influenced Tedder's thinking when the use of air power in the support of the Normandy landings came to be discussed and formulated.

Referring to the earlier stages of the Italian campaign Tedder wrote in *With Prejudice* (1966): "One lesson of real importance, however, we began to learn. It was this: that concentrated, precise attack on railway targets scientifically selected would produce a degree of disruption and immobility which might make all the difference to the success or failure of the long-awaited invasion of France. The clear and detailed reports submitted by Professor Zuckerman convinced me that this was the right method of attack."

Zuckerman had become involved at an early stage in some aspects of the British nuclear weapons programme, but in the postwar period he returned actively to the broader field of defence when he accepted an invitation from the Air Ministry in 1958 to act as an independent adviser on their current operational problems and future policy. It was soon clear that he was bringing to bear on the problems of that period the methods which he had developed during the second world war. He conducted an objective and at the same time ruthless enquiry into established operational aims and doctrines. He demanded objective analyses and called into question any element of subjective judgment. In this respect he provided a timely though (understandably) not always popular stimulus to the Royal Air Force: he demanded that they redo their homework.

In May 1958 the Lord President had set up a committee to report on the management and control of research and development by government departments, under the chairmanship of Sir Claude Gibb. Zuckerman was one of its members and became chairman after Gibb's death in January 1959. Although the enquiry covered the whole field of research and development much of the committee's work was centred on defence, since this accounted for over three-quarters of the total expenditure. The committee reported in July 1961, and among its most important recommendations were the "Zuckerman Procedures" for the control of defence projects and a strengthening of the role of the defence research policy committee. As Zuckerman had succeeded Sir Frederick Brundrett as chief scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence in 1960 it fell to him to chair the defence research policy committee and implement his own proposals.

He remained chief scientific adviser until 1966. Throughout he maintained his aim that decisions should be taken on the basis of objective analyses and supported wherever possible by studies in depth as opposed to subjective judgments. It soon became obvious that the old DRPC was a cumbersome instrument for digesting the studies which were generated. In 1963 Zuckerman effected a considerable improvement in the machinery, including the formation of an operational requirements committee designed to do the detailed devilling at a more appropriate level than that of the deputy chiefs; in parallel, he started to create a centralised operational analysis organisation. Had this organisation existed in the 1950s some of the major errors made in project selection during that period might well have been avoided.

As chairman of the DRPC his exceptionally quick brain tended at times to be a liability. His colleagues were often unable to match his nimbleness and this led to inevitable misunderstandings and, in some respects, a failure on Zuckerman's part to express clearly the guidance which he wished to give. His methods were regarded as opportunist by some senior officers. But, paradoxically, they were understood and even appreciated at lower levels in the staffs. His greatest contribution during this period was undoubtedly the codification of procedures and the creation of the staff structure which allowed the Ministry of Defence to conduct a step-by-step appraisal of each new project, with limited commitment of funds at each stage.

As chief scientific adviser to the government from 1964 Zuckerman wielded less political influence than he had at the defence ministry. The work was inevitably more diffuse, and his functions more of an advisory nature. With a staff working to him, he tackled surveys such as the assessment and deployment of the nation's scientific resources and advised the prime minister when a conflict of interest in the allocation of scientific resources arose; he maintained contact with users of scientific resources in government service, and was responsible for tasks such as population projections. He also chaired the Central Advisory Council on Science and Technology.

Retiring from public service in 1971, when he was created a life peer (he had been made OM three years earlier), he remained active, particularly in the Zoological Society of London of which he was president from 1977 to 1984. He continued to write and speak about defence matters and in his book of 1980, *Nuclear Illusion and Reality*, came out strongly against the notion of using tactical nuclear weapons to check any Soviet invasion of Western Europe. He was likewise against Trident, believing that in Britain's case the money could be better spent on two more armoured divisions. To the end he was wont to remind scientists — and those who placed unreserved faith in their powers — that they were not visionaries and had no power over the consequences of their discoveries. It was essentially a humane message and, for all his scientific eminence, he remained at heart a man of the humanities — even if his three volumes of memoirs, published in the last 15 years of his life, lacked literary distinction and displayed a certain vanity.

In politics, too, he was always slightly innocent — witness the notorious visit he paid, with Lord Mountbatten, to Cecil Harmsworth King when, admittedly to his horror, he found the subject of a military take-over of the government being actively proposed. To his credit, he beat a hasty retreat — forcing Mountbatten to follow in his wake — but a more politically sophisticated chief scientific adviser to the government would never have put himself in such a position in the first place.

Zuckerman married in 1939 Lady Joan Isaacs, elder daughter of the second Marquess of Reading. They had a son and a daughter; his wife and son survive him.

DON JUAN DE BORBON Y BATTENBERG

Don Juan de Borbon y Battenberg, Count of Barcelona, who was for many years the Pretender to the Spanish throne, died yesterday of throat-cancer in a clinic in Pamplona aged 79. He was born in Segovia on June 20, 1913.

DON JUAN was both the son and the father of a king of Spain. His father was Alfonso XIII, the last king before the declaration of the Second Republic in 1931. His son was King Juan Carlos. Yet Don Juan himself was never king, and spent many years of his life in exile, during the Republic, the civil war and the Franco dictatorship.

For much of that time he was engaged in an unequal struggle with Franco over the future of the monarchy. Franco was not opposed to the notion of monarchy, but wanted it to be on his terms, and after he had left the scene. After the second world war he offered to allow Don Juan to return to Spain with the title of Prince of Spain, and to grant him the right of succession.

Don Juan refused, partly because such submission was outside his character, and partly because he believed in constitutional monarchy and thought that too close an association with the Franco regime would damage the royal appeal. But he did allow his elder son, Juan Carlos, to be educated in Spain and to be groomed for the succession by those who hoped to continue Francoism after Franco.

Once Franco had died in 1975 and Juan Carlos had become king, it was Don Juan's idea of a constitutional monarchy which prevailed. In spite of his education, the new king, discreetly supported by his father, threw his weight behind those who wanted to restore democracy in Spain; and in 1977 Don Juan showed his approval by formally renouncing his claim to the throne in favour of his son.

Don Juan was the third son of King Alfonso XIII of Spain and Queen Victoria Eugenia, Princess of Battenberg and grand-daughter of Queen Victoria of England. He was a cadet at the naval academy in Cadiz when the second Spanish Republic was proclaimed in April 1931. He escaped via Gibraltar to France, and thence came to England to finish his naval training at Dartmouth.

In 1935, the prince, by this time a lieutenant in the Royal Navy serving aboard HMS *Enterprise*, received a letter from his father naming him his heir: his elder brothers had renounced their hereditary claims to the throne of Spain, the one because he was marrying a commoner, and the other because of a physical handicap. He accepted the nomination, but his wish to continue in the Royal Navy was thwarted by a regulation introduced by Ramsay MacDonald's government, in spite of protests by King George V. Don Juan's cousin. After abandoning his naval career he studied European history and law at the universities of Florence, Lausanne and Geneva and married his cousin, the princess Maria-Mercedes Borbon-Orleans.

In August 1936, believing that the military rising against the Republic had as its object the restoration of the monarchy, Don Juan crossed into Spain to fight on the nationalist side, assuming the name Juan Lopez. He was quickly escorted back to the French frontier. General Franco subsequently refused the offer of his services and Don Juan was to say later that as a young man he had been "too impetuous... too trusting".

In 1937 Don Juan and his wife returned to Italy living in Rome where their son Juan Carlos was born.

After the death of his father in 1941, the Alfonsist monarchists referred to Don Juan as John III of Spain. He prefered his older title, Count of Barcelona. Over the next three years he repeatedly urged Franco to keep Spain out of the second world war and to work for the reconciliation of the two sides in the civil war. In January 1944 he released to the press a letter he had written to Franco: dictatorships could only bring ruin to nations; no government could be stable if it lacked the support of the people; a legalised opposition was as necessary to a state as a conscience to an individual.

In March 1945, from Lausanne, he issued, what was in effect an appeal to the Spanish people to oust Franco. He called on Franco to give up his powers and proposed the replacement of the regime by parliamentary government under a constitutional monarchy. But he had miscalculated his strength and Franco remained. Fearing, however, foreign intervention in Spain once the war in Europe was over, Franco offered to install Don Juan in the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid, and, under the title of Prince of Spain, to concede him the right of succession.

In 1947 Franco's controlled parliament passed a Law of Succession, which declared Spain a monarchy. It "legalised" Franco's retention of complete power till death and his choice of a successor: there was not to be a restoration of the monarchy, but an *instauracion*, or establishment of a new one. Don Juan, who had moved to Estoril, issued a new manifesto denouncing the law as a fraud, and reiterating his appeal for the institution of parliamentary democracy under a king. In reply the government-controlled press denigrated Don Juan as a "foreign sailor who hardly speaks Spanish" and as "a red, a mason and a drunkard" who had asked the Allies after the war "to occupy Spain".

Don Juan thereafter concentrated on the long-term future of the monarchy. As he himself put it "the institution is more important than the person".

He met Franco in 1948 to arrange for the education in Spain of Juan Carlos, then 12 years old, and there were further meetings on the matter in 1954, 1960 and 1968.

Franco was reported to have again offered in 1968 to nominate him as his successor and again the offer was rejected. Then in July 1968 Juan Carlos announced that he was prepared to accept Franco's terms, and he did it formally in July — publicly to the chagrin of his father, yet perhaps privately with his approval: for it was probably the only bloodless way that Spain could come to be the constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy which Don Juan had outlined in his 1945 and 1947 manifestos.

When Franco died in November 1975, Don Juan spoke neither for nor against his son's assumption of the throne. He stood on the political sidelines watching with approval the way Juan Carlos provided the motive force behind the dismantling of the Franco regime. However he made clear his commitment to Spain's need for democratic rule. From his home in Portugal he paid several visits to the royal palace in Madrid to discuss with his son, family and political matters including his requirement that Spain should be clearly on the path to democracy before he would renounce his right to the throne.

On May 14, 1977, two weeks after the dissolution of the *Movimiento*, Franco's principal instrument for the control of political thought and action, Don Juan formally renounced his hereditary claim to the throne of Spain in favour of his son in a simple and moving ceremony in the Zarzuela Palace attended by members of the royal family and intimate friends. Juan Carlos was thus King of Spain by right of inheritance and not merely by grace of Franco. Don Juan went to live in Spain and in his remaining years was entrusted with various missions of state.

Don Juan would have made a good constitutional monarch. He not only looked the part — he was 6ft 3ins tall, affable and dignified — he had a great sense of duty, but no thirst for power. A Battenberg rather than a Borbon, he loved the sea. He continued sailing into his seventies, frequently posing casually in seagoing attire, cigarette in hand for photographers. Four children were born to him of his marriage with the Princess Maria, who survives him: King Juan Carlos, Prince Alfonso who was killed in an accident in 1956, and the princesses Maria Pilar and Margarita.



Don Juan, wearing the uniform of an admiral of the Spanish navy, standing before a portrait of his son, King Juan Carlos

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FRIDAY APRIL 2 1993

NEWS

Britain sends RAF to Bosnia

■ Britain agreed yesterday to commit fighter aircraft to a Nato operation to enforce the air-exclusion zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. A squadron of 12 Tornado F3 jets is expected to be sent into action over the former Yugoslav republic.

Nato ambassadors will meet in Brussels today to refine contingency plans. The operation will involve at least 50 aircraft from Britain, France, America and The Netherlands under the command of an Italian general..... **Pages 1, 17**

Prime minister condemns rail strike

■ British Rail is expected to crack down hard against any repeat of today's national rail strike, which will halt train services nationwide. The strike was condemned by the prime minister, who called it deplorable. Motoring associations warned of congestion on the roads..... **Pages 1, 2**

Major loses support

John Major is continuing to lose support among the public, and particularly Tory supporters, as campaigning starts for local government elections across the country next month. The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, mainly undertaken last weekend, offers scant comfort for the prime minister as he prepares to celebrate the anniversary of his election victory..... **Pages 1, 10**

Fly-past grounded

What should have been the RAF's biggest flypast for 40 years was grounded yesterday by a no-fly zone imposed over Norfolk, not by the United Nations but by torrential rain and clag over Clacton. To mark the 75th anniversary of the RAF's founding, air chiefs had spent six months planning the display of 149 aircraft..... **Page 1**

Fire funds withheld

Funds needed to provide essential fire safety measures in the Tower of London, Britain's most visited historic building, have been withheld by the government, officials at the Tower claimed yesterday. They told an MP they wanted to install the latest fire detection equipment, but "lack of funds" had made that impossible..... **Page 1**

IRA victim buried

Words of hope were mixed with anger and anguish at the funeral yesterday of Tim Parry, the 12-year-old murdered by the IRA's Warrington bombing. The boy's father, Colin, in a tribute to his son's brief life, expressed the wish that he should become a symbol for peace..... **Page 3**

Council tax hailed

The new council tax was hailed as a success by the government yesterday when it announced that only three councils had defied spending limits..... **Page 7**

Aids drug 'fails'

The early use of the drug AZT to treat people with the Aids virus offers no clear benefits, a major trial has shown..... **Page 9**

Nuclear stand-off

Outrage at North Korea's suspected nuclear arms programme increased sharply yesterday, with the Stalinist regime in Pyongyang facing condemnation for its decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty..... **Page 12**

South Africa talks

After a delay of 11 months, multiparty negotiations finally began again yesterday when delegates representing 26 conflicting interests, ethnic groups, political parties and power blocs resumed the process of creating a new non-racial democracy in South Africa..... **Page 15**

Yeltsin loses ground

President Yeltsin surrendered another trick in his power game with the Russian parliament yesterday when he decided not to try to hold his referendum on April 25, alongside the one organised by parliament..... **Page 16**

Mubarak stands firm against Iran

■ President Mubarak has blamed Iran and Sudan for fomenting violence by Islamic militants in an attempt to undermine his moderate, pro-Western government and destabilise Egypt as "the main pillar of peace" in the region. In an interview with *The Times*, he warned Tehran that Egypt had ways of striking back..... **Page 14**



Pointing the way: Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, bidding farewell yesterday to British trade unionists as they left London for the European Trade Union Confederation's day of action in Brussels today. Union action, pages 1, 2

Hotel hit squad: Investigative accountants began work at the Romford headquarters of Queens Moat Houses after being ordered to assess its finances..... **Page 25**

Next trick: Next, the fashion retailer, helped by cost reductions, doubled profits last year in spite of the recession..... **Page 25**

Markets: Sterling continued its strong march on the foreign exchange. The pound was up 1.80 cents at $1.5242 and up 1.90 pfennigs at DM2.4444 at the London close, ending at 80.1 on the trade weighted index, against 79.4 on the previous day. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 0.3 at 2,878.4..... **Page 28**

Football: John Goodbody looks at Barnet football club as it presses for promotion and examines the role of Stan Flashman, the former ticket tout who resigned as club chairman this week..... **Page 44**

Rugby Fives: Clement Freud writes: "I had forgotten about rugby fives. I thought recession had claimed another victim: that rugby sevens had devalued by 28 per cent"..... **Page 44**

Fishing: Brian Clarke considers the achievements of the Anglers' Co-operative Association, champion of Britain's fishermen, which has brought almost 2,000 cases in its fight against water pollution and lost only one..... **Page 48**

King of the board: Gary Kasparov hates making mistakes, on or off a chess board, even little ones. Robert Crampton meets the world chess champion..... **Page 19**

Manhattan melodrama: Mia Farrow and Woody Allen have produced some memorably unpleasant performances in the battle for custody of their children. Ben MacIntyre reports from Manhattan Supreme Court..... **Page 18**

No smoking gun? James Earl Ray admitted shooting Martin Luther King and is serving a 99-year sentence. Yet this wretched liar has been offered a wholly undeserved chance to air his claim that he was an innocent patsy..... **Page 18**

Iron in the soul: Spanish sculptor Susana Solano came to maturity after Franco's death, but a London retrospective is imbued with a high seriousness that must be a legacy of his rule..... **Page 37**

Sun and sympathy: Sir Norman Foster's new arts centre for Nîmes is opposite the Roman Maison Carrée, and in perfect harmony with its distinguished neighbour and the southern sun..... **Page 37**

Turning the tables: Rock clubs across the country are more likely to be filled with customers dancing to the sounds mixed by the new breed of disc jockeys than with fans eager to see a band actually playing the music..... **Page 39**

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York, is expected to be President Clinton's first nomination to the Supreme Court later this year
Page 15



Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, said yesterday his country does not intend to drop its commitment to a united Ireland
Page 3



General Norman Schwarzkopf returns to Vietnam today, nearly 30 years after serving there with the US army, to make a film about the war
Page 12

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Get set for a grand National

■ Everything you need to join in the big jump race of the year. A comprehensive guide to the horses, the jockeys, and a portrait of Jenny Pitman, trainer of the National favourite, Royal Athlete

For the best of the box

■ Plan your week's viewing with David Flusfeder's new guide to the television highlights: programme previews, plus best films, best sport, best schlock

Scottish play, Howard's way

■ Benedict Nightingale on Alan Howard's first Shakespeare stage role for more than a decade: *Macbeth* at the National Theatre

TV & RADIO

The working class collides head-on with the fading aristocracy in *The Riff-Raff Element* (BBC1, 9.30pm), a new comedy-drama from Debbie Horsfield. Stars include Ronald Pickup and Celia Imrie..... **Page 47**

OPINION

Dangerous game

North Korea is the first test of the new, tougher rules activated since the discovery of Iraq's nuclear cheating. The outcome of this confrontation will decide whether they can be enforced. If not, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's guarantees will be seen to be worthless and the future of the treaty will be in grave doubt..... **Page 21**

The Irish Janus

Yesterday's speech to the Dáil by Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, will have disabused those who felt that Ireland was experiencing a decisive change of mood. His words illustrate the perilous ambivalence of the Irish government on the most important issue before it. Ambivalence is a luxury Ireland can no longer afford..... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The Prayer Book bids us ask to be delivered from all sorts of evils: sin, the crafts and assaults of the devil, blindness of heart, pride, vainglory, hypocrisy, envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness ... on the whole, I have no inclination to challenge the mournful catalogue: indeed, I could add a good few items to it — broccoli, for instance, and Gummer..... **Page 20**

ROBERT RHODES JAMES

One of the most remarkable features of parliamentary life is that party politicians, when selected to preside over the proceedings of the Commons, have immediately to become impartial..... **Page 20**

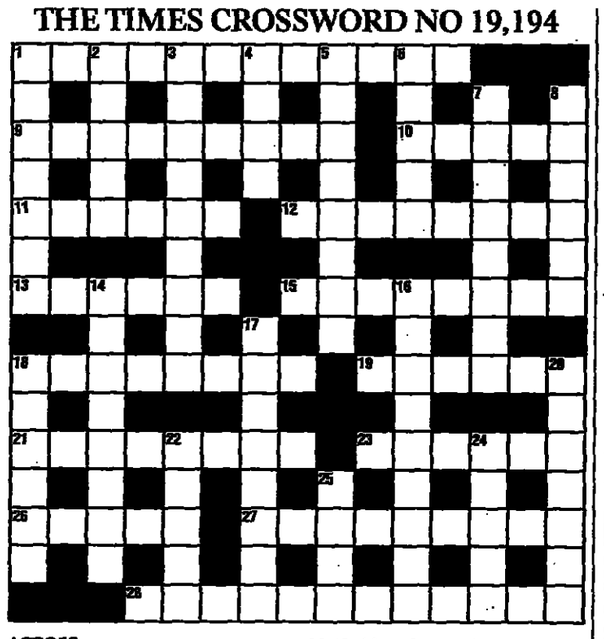
LETTERS

Readers give their views on the merits of the petition for a Maastricht referendum..... **Page 21**

QUOTES

Is there anybody in Congress who still doesn't know what the Brady bill is? It has now been 12 years since those gunshots hit President Reagan and his press secretary, Jim Brady — and it is Mr Brady who waits, not the handgun purchasers. A five-day waiting period and mandatory background check for handgun sales from dealers is hardly a tough proposal, given the insane, murderous traffic in firearms *Washington Post*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,194



ACROSS

1 Fish are taken so unexpectedly (3,2,3,4).

9 Carpet on the floor (5,4).

10 Near the end (5).

11 The man composed music for a choir (6).

12 Associate team with excitement (8).

13 Fruit is sweet, in general (6).

15 China — in its capital, a place designed for plant-growing (8).

18 Teachers' leader lavishly bestowing education (8).

19 Hate a rain-cloud that's not black (6).

21 Evasive, like a mule? (8).

23 A country's money (6).

26 Nothing about to be accepted in jargon (5).

27 When somebody's written about one, it's libel (9).

28 Familiar number that's half a 16th century tune (3,9).

DOWN

1 Not even a dance card (7).

2 During race take little peep (5).

3 If upset, army commander becomes what Walton was (9).

4 Ring Winnie up (4).

5 Hijacking musicians, I hear (8).

6 Pop's sibling — pop with him (5).

7 Love music? Not against broadcast from stadium (8).

8 Periodical is ailing, it's rumoured (6).

14 Treading slippery slope (8).

16 Victor William (9).

17 Corn scattered in every trench (8).

18 Fight — caught us sleeping in the middle (6).

20 Strong stem (7).

22 Cruise ship's forward section beginning to leak (5).

24 Diana metamorphosed into a nymph (5).

25 Bridge partners parted by father (4).

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Overnight mist or fog will clear quickly to leave most of the country with sunny intervals and scattered showers. The showers will become heavier and more frequent, especially in the North and East. Thick cloud will spread across western areas, bringing rain by late afternoon or evening. Outlook: a wet weekend for much of England and Wales. Brighter more showery weather for Northern Ireland and Scotland on Sunday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	15	59	s	Luxor	31	88	s
Alcntd	18	64	c	Madrid	13	55	f
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Majorca	17	63	f
Algiers	20	68	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Malta	15	59	f
Athens	14	57	f	Melb'rne	21	70	f
Bahrain	20	68	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Milan	12	54	c
Barbados*	29	84	c	Montreal*	3	37	c
Barcelna	16	61	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Beirut	19	66	f	Munich	19	66	s
Belgrade	10	50	f	Naples	15	59	s
Berlin	10	50	s	N Delhi	28	82	s
Biarritz	7	45	r	N York*	16	61	s
Bordx'x	9	48	f	Nice	15	59	f
Brussels	11	52	r	Oslo	4	39	c
Budapst	8	46	f	Paris	11	52	c
B Aires*	29	84	f	Peking	20	68	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	12	54	s
Chicago*	8	46	r	Reykjavik	6	43	s
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rhodes	15	59	s
Cologne	18	64	f	Rio de J	32	90	f
Cphagn	6	43	c	Riyadh	28	82	f
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	15	59	f
Dublin	9	48	f	Salzburg	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	12	54	f	S Frisco*	16	61	c
Faro	17	63	f	Santiago*	27	81	s
Florence	12	54	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Frankfurt	18	64	s	Seoul	15	59	s
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Luxembg	9	48	f	Zurich	17	63	f

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.63in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,007.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Boscombe Down, Wiltshire, 1.81in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 9.5hr.

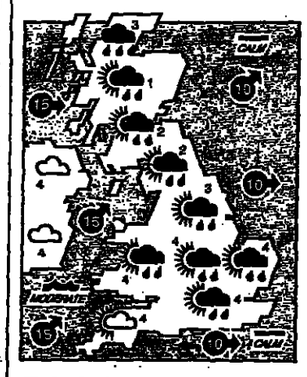
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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.6hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.4	0.39	13	55	sunny
Anglesey	8.6	0.12	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	9.1	-	12	54	sunny
Belfast	8.5	0.01	11	52	hail
Birmingham	-	0.02	7	45	cloudy
Bognor Regis	-	0.72	8	46	rain
Bournemouth	0.1	0.88	8	46	rain
Bristol	1.7	0.12	11	52	bright
Buxton	-	0.17	6	43	dull
Cardiff	6.3	-	11	52	sunny
Clacton	1.5	0.27	10	50	rain
Edinburgh	9.3	0.02	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	5.4	0.02	11	52	bright
Exmouth	6.7	0.33	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	9.5	0.02	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	2.1	0.20	11	52	rain
Glasgow	7.6	0.08	12	54	bright
Guernsey	6.3	0.38	11	52	sunny
Hastings	2.0	0.18	11	52	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.42	7	45	rain
Jersey	6.6	0.55	11	52	sunny
Kinloss	7.9	0.01	12	54	sunny
Leeds	1.8	0.24	10	50	rain
Lerwick	-	0.16	5	41	rain
Littlehampton	0.1	0.53	9	48	rain
Liverpool	4.8	0.06	8	46	sunny
London	-	0.63	8	46	rain
Lowestoft	1.6	0.28	9	48	rain
Manchester	0.2	0.05	8	46	cloudy
Margate	3.1	0.15	13	55	rain
Minehead	7.1	-	10	50	sunny
Morecambe	4.6	0.09	11	52	sunny
Newcastle	5.6	0.17	11	52	bright
Newquay	8.7	0.01	10	50	sunny
Nottingham	-	0.03	8	46	cloudy
Penzance	9.0	0.04	12	54	sunny
Plymouth	7.8	0.09	10	50	sunny
Poole	0.3	1.56	8	46	rain
Salcombe	7.7	0.05	12	54	sunny
Sandown	-	1.34	7	45	rain
Scarborough	6.4	0.24	9	48	bright
Scilly Isles	8.5	0.02	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	-	1.02	7	45	rain
Southsea	-	1.07	7	45	rain
Stornoway	6.8	0.02	10	50	bright
Swanage	1.0	0.73	9	48	shower
Teignmouth	7.5	0.25	11	52	sunny
Tenby	9.3	0.01	11	52	sunny
Tiree	5.5	0.08	10	50	shower
Torquay	7.4	0.22	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	3.5	0.66	11	52	hail
Wick	3.8	0.35	10	50	rain
Worthing	-	0.45	9	48	rain

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Australia $	2.28	2.06
Austria Sch	18.20	16.70
Belgium Fr	53.40	49.00
Canada $	2.043	1.883
Denmark Kr	9.69	9.19
Finland Mrk	9.50	8.70
France Fr	8.79	8.09
Germany Dm	2.58	2.38
Greece Dr	349.00	324.00
Hong Kong $	12.45	11.45
Ireland Pt	1.055	0.975
Italy Lira	2515.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	191.75	172.75
Netherlands Gld	2.91	2.68
Norway Kr	10.97	10.17
Portugal Esc	237.90	219.30
South Africa Rd	5.57	4.80
Spain Pta	180.50	167.50
Sweden Kr	12.16	11.36
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	14800.0	13800.0
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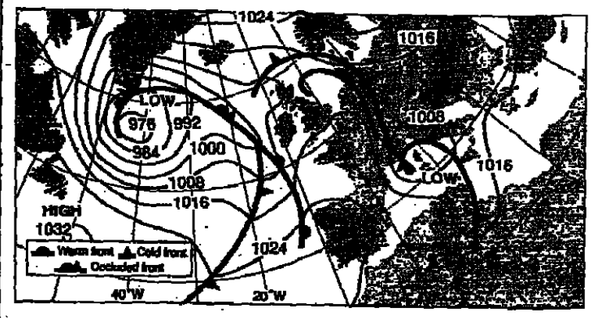
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Full moon April 8

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'mngham	7	45	c	Inverness	10	50	f
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	8	48	f	London	7	45	r
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Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	9	48	s
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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.04	5.9	10.41	5.8	Liverpool	7.42	7.6	8.30	7.8
Aberdeen	5.57	3.5	10.55	3.6	Lowestoft	6.13	2.0	6.15	2.0
Avonmouth	3.05	10.2	4.00	10.5	Margate	5.27	4.0	5.59	4.0
Belfast	7.25	3.1	8.19	2.9	Milford Haven	2.24	5.36	3.18	5.4
Cardiff	2.50	9.8	3.45	9.8	Newquay	1.24	5.5	2.17	5.5
Devonport	1.34	4.4	2.32	4.3	Oban	2.32	3.0	3.53	3.0
Dover	7.36	5.3	8.21	5.5	Penzance	12.52	4.4	1.46	4.3
Falmouth	1.04	4.2	2.02	4.1	Portland	1.57	1.5	3.31	1.3
Glasgow	8.55	4.1	10.19	4.0	Portsmouth	7.28	3.9	8.30	4.1
Harwich	7.59	3.2	8.30	3.2	Shoreham	7.39	4.9	8.29	5.3
Holyhead	7.01	4.5	7.49	4.8	Southampton	7.31	3.8	8.24	4.0
Hull	2.42	5.9	3.06	5.9	Swansea	2.40	7.8	3.23	7.7
Ilfracombe	2.07	7.0	3.02	7.1	Tees			12.23	4.4
King's Lynn	2.53	4.9	3.15	5.1	Wilton-on-Nze	8.00	3.5	8.34	3.4
Leith	11.12	4.5	11.56	4.6					



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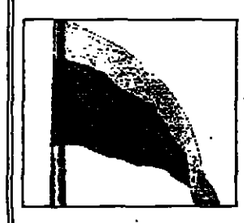
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US $ ..... 1.5242 (+0.0180)
German mark ..2.4444 (+0.0190)
Exchange index ..... 80.1 (+0.7)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2878.4 (-0.3)
Dow Jones ... 3441.87 (+6.76)*
Nikkei Avg 19099.09 (+507.64)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month interbank 5 15/16-5 7/16%
US Federal Funds 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.90-2.89%*
Long Bond 6.95%*

CURRENCIES

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GOLD

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Close 336.50-337.00
New York:
Comex 338.25-338.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 138.8 February (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



Countering the gloom: David Jones, the chief executive who replaced George Davies, says that Next is seeing the fruits of its two-year restructuring after "taking stick for years"

Next wears well in recession

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

NEXT, the high street fashion chain, continued its remarkable recovery, doubling profits in the face of recession.

Pre-tax profits rose from £12.3 million to £36.2 million for the year to end-January as the benefits of further cost reduction and the closure of less profitable stores filtered through to the bottom line.

Sales in Next Retail leapt by 18 per cent despite a 4 per cent reduction in overall selling space. Profit rose to £24.4 million (£6.4 million). Next Directory made more pedestrian progress, with profits up by £2.4 million to £6.4 million.

Club 24, the credit operation, cut its borrowings from £124 million to £53 million. A £10 million provision against Club 24 is unlikely to be used.

David Jones, chief executive, said: "We have taken a lot of stick over the years and now the fruits of the process we started two years ago are showing through."

Sales per square foot on an annual basis have risen from £250 to £350 since 1991. The final dividend has been raised to 2.5p (0.75p) on earnings of 9.93p (3.08p). The shares jumped 11p to 172p.

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Banks order check of Queens Moat books

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ The bankers of Queens Moat Houses, Britain's third-biggest hotel group, have sent in a team of senior accountants after the shares were unexpectedly suspended

A TEAM of investigative accountants has been sent into the Romford headquarters of Queens Moat Houses, the hotel group whose shares are suspended on the stock market. The investigation has been ordered by the company's bankers to comb the books and establish its financial position.

The banks, headed by NatWest and Barclays, appointed Grant Thornton, one of the country's biggest accountancy practices, after a meeting with John Bairstow, the Queens Moat chairman, went badly awry on Wednesday. The shares were suspended at 47½p on the same day "pending clarification of its financial position" and amid suggestions that the company was in breach of its lending agreements with banks.

Queens Moat, Britain's third-biggest hotel group, has total debt, taking into account £200 million of convertible stock and another £100 million held off the balance sheet, of some £1.2 billion. Borrowings had caused some concern in the City in recent months, to the extent that the directors had gone to great lengths to explain the full situation to brokers' analysts.

The suspension of the shares has therefore prompted considerable shock and anger in the City. One analyst said: "All of these things had been gone into *ad nauseam* by the company, in a way that we haven't had from other companies." He found it impossible to understand, therefore, how the situation could have deteriorated.

The banks are said to be shocked by what they learnt from Mr Bairstow, insisting on the appointment of a heavyweight accountant. Queens Moat's accounts have previously been drawn up by Bird Luckin, a small and little-known London firm. The practice confirmed last night that it was still employed by Queens Moat.

Queens Moat was to present financial figures for 1992 on Wednesday of next week, and it is thought that the audit to prepare for those figures has turned up an unexpected problem that had to be communicated to the banks. Analysts were speculating that any clarification was unlikely before Monday, and a full explanation of the company's financial plight could take rather longer. Next week's figures could be delayed.

The company operates under three main covenants, breach of which effectively allows the banks to take charge. They are:

- ☐ interest payments should be covered at least twice by income
- ☐ shareholders' funds should not fall below £900 million
- ☐ gearing should not exceed 100 per cent.

Queens Moat is thought to have come close to crossing the line on the last two. In particular, gearing, if all off-balance sheet debt is taken into account, is probably ahead of the permitted figure. But the banks have always been prepared to give the company some leeway in the past.

The affair continued to undermine the stock market values of other big hotel groups. Forte skidded another 8p to 184p and Ladbroke were off 5p to 176p.

Bass, the brewer which owns the Holiday Inn chain, had been seen as a potential rescuer of Queens Moat, and the company conceded yesterday that it might consider the acquisition of a few strategically placed hotels if asset disposals are forced by the banks.

Bass's policy, however, is to focus on expanding its franchise operation rather than buying hotels directly, while much of the Queens Moat portfolio is not suitable for conversion to the Holiday Inn brand. Bass currently owns 19 of the 90 Holiday Inn-branded hotels in Europe. Queens Moat owns or leases 20, paying a franchise royalty fee to Bass. The two are currently in talks to extend the franchise to a further eight Queens Moat hotels.

Job losses at Seeboard

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A NEW round of job losses and restructuring in the electricity supply industry will be triggered on Monday when Seeboard, which covers London to the south coast, announces a reorganisation involving the loss of up to 1,000 jobs.

Electricity supply unions anticipate sharp cuts in the numbers of employees as part of the move to increased flexibility now being negotiated in company-by-company agreements. One leading supply company is understood to be seeking a 25 per cent jobs cut in over the next two years.

Southern Electric, extending from west London to the Cotswolds, and one of the first to complete a deal since the 12 regional companies pulled out of the national negotiating structure, expects to achieve savings of £15 million a year. The regulation by comparison exercised by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, will impose severe pressure on other companies to achieve similar savings.

Donald Macgregor, national secretary of the largest power industry union, the GMB, said the "ill-thought-out" privatisation of electricity supply was sending "waves" of market forces through the industry. Unions say the cuts are likely to be aimed overwhelmingly at white-collar workers.

Seeboard plans to close its Hove head office, which employees 450 staff on a prime sea-front site, this autumn. The new corporate office, where just 80 to 120 people will be employed, will be located closer to the heart of its supply region, near Crawley. There will also be cutbacks in other areas of the business.

The latest round of reorganisations will coincide with the reduction in the threshold of competition to supply industrial and commercial premises from 1 megawatt to 100 kilowatts, effective yesterday.

Costain trading with bank support

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

BANKERS to Costain have reconfirmed facilities to the contracting and construction group until March 1995 after talks in the past three weeks.

Costain fell into breach of two banking covenants on net assets and reduction in net worth in between the December year end and the sale of its Australian operations to Hanson, for $200 million plus assumption of £53 million of debt, on March 20.

Along with results for 1992 yesterday, Costain produced a balance sheet showing the shape of the company after the Australian disposal which shows debts at £152.5 million, still 96 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Peter Costain, the chief executive, says the group will trade with the support of its banks and will seek further reductions in debts. Sales of £50 million are expected by the board from Australian property. American non-coal mineral operations, and British property. The group also aims to make a 2 per cent margin on engineering and contracting this year.

For 1992 Costain reports a loss attributable to shareholders of £213 million and no dividend. The group lost £15.3 million after paying interest of £18.2 million.

The operating profit includes a further provision of £8 million against the Channel tunnel project taking total provisions made so far to £20 million.

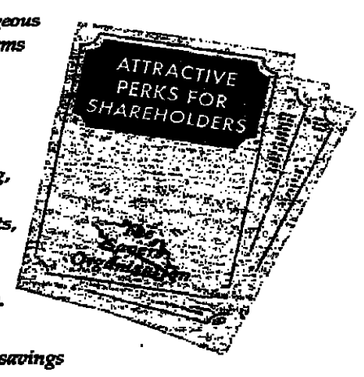
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Gilt surprises and the missing £10bn



ANTHONY HARRIS

The success of the £3 billion long gilts auction on Wednesday, followed by yesterday's tap sell-out, is reported to have caused much surprise. Investors were *supposed to* be frightened of the huge prospective borrowing requirement. So what's new? Wall Street experienced exactly the same pleasurable shock in one US Treasury auction after another, until it learned many months ago to stop worrying — and for exactly the same reason.

The progress of funding in today's markets is bound to surprise those who still try to do a Henry Kaufman-style analysis, which balances the forecast funding need against the forecast institutional cash flow. This method had its heyday in the 1970s, when Kaufman did the sums for Wall Street, and Gordon Pepper for London. It didn't matter if, with hindsight, they got it right or not. Everybody in the market believed their figures; if they said there was a problem, there was a problem.

In fact, their numerical forecasts were always likely to be wrong. The Bank of England experimented with its own, and used to build its tables on a forecast of the residual error in the national accounts. As Charles Goodhart explained at the time: "It seems to be the only number we can get right." This did not matter much in the days of exchange controls, when credit markets were almost entirely domestic. The public sector borrowing requirement and the private sector financial surplus are two sides of almost the same coin, and errors tended to cancel out, so one still had a reasonable cash-flow forecast. The important thing was that cash was undisputed king. Bond yields had little to do with inflation expectations; with no escape route, investors accepted yields far below inflation — better than no yield at all.

We now live in a different world. The British borrowing requirement is a small item in a world market financing huge official borrowing almost everywhere, and the British institutional cash flow a small part of the funds seeking investment. Both numbers matter, but only at the margin. What international investors (mainly Japanese) seek are relatively strong economies, large, liquid credit markets, and credible exchange rates. The US qualifies on all counts; so, believe it or not, does Britain. A steep yield curve helps, too: it means that hedging is not an added cost, but a profit centre. Again, Britain and the US win the beauty contest.

But now we come to the real (and unforecast) puzzle in the flow of funds. The gilts market managed to rise steadily through 1992, and overfund the borrowing requirement at the same time. Yet the latest CSO figures show that last year's institutional cash flow was about £10 billion *less* than anybody expected. This simply confirms the underlying strength of demand for gilts (and I can't resist saying, *I told you so*); but what else does it say about this year?

The answer, I suspect, will appear not in the gilts but in the equity market. The two likeliest explanations for the cash shortfall are both bad for equities. One is that personal savings were less than estimated. Savings are a residual between income and spending, so this also implies a small shortfall in income, and thus in consumer spending. However, figures for M0 and consumer spending make this seem unlikely; it is, if anything, more likely that income was under-estimated.

The second explanation is better for the economy, but possibly worse for equities. It is simply that the fall in cash flow was the result of pension fund contribution holidays, the reward for a period of near-miraculous fund performance — shown most dramatically in the Courtauld share-out last week.

Only optimists expect another year of super-strong pension fund results, and it is even possible that the long bull market has persuaded the actuaries to make some assumptions that are not nearly as conservative as they suppose. Optimism was looking a little stretched even before Norman Lamont skimmed off 6 per cent-odd of the funds' dividend income. The holiday season could end rather suddenly; and if most of that £10 billion has to be found from the profits of public companies, some bull market assumptions will also begin to look all too like a free holiday trip from Hoover.

Sterling at highest for three months

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE pound reached a three-month high yesterday, advancing against the dollar and mark, while Bank of England money data suggested the recovery in consumer confidence was gaining momentum.

On a trade-weighted basis, sterling closed 0.7 higher at 80.1, its best showing since January 26. The improvement reflected a tumbling dollar, hit by a sharp drop in the purchasing managers index, which fell to 53.4 last month from 55.8 in February.

The Bundesbank's decision not to lower interest rates also reinforced market conviction that an early cut in British base is unlikely.

At the 4pm close, the pound was almost two pfennigs higher at DM2.4444. Against the retreating dollar, it ended more than 1¾ cents stronger at $1.5062.

Currency analysts believe growing signs of economic recovery and the likelihood that the Chancellor will hold back on further monetary easing could fuel a further sterling advance to DM2.45 and higher.

Weekly Bank of England data on banknotes in circulation, the main component of M0, the narrow money supply measure, indicated 4.9 per cent annual growth in March, the best showing since summer 1990. This is outside the official target range of 0-4 per cent confirmed in the Budget.

On Monday, official figures are expected to confirm the pick-up in M0 from the 4.5 per cent annual rise in February. Although the measure is widely read as a guide to consumer spending, many economists remain doubtful about its reliability as an indicator.

Most European share and currency markets dipped moderately after the Bundesbank decided not to cut interest rates. The dollar fell to a record low against the yen at 114.15, passing the previous historic level set in Tokyo.

Warning on provisions hurts Thames shares

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

SHARES of Thames Television fell 63p to 158p when trading resumed after Tuesday's requested suspension as the company announced it would be making "further substantial provisions" in its 1992 accounts and that there would be no final dividend.

Thames TV said the provisions would be between £35 million and £42 million when results are published on April 21, that it will not pay a 1992 final dividend, and that because of the provisions it would be reporting an attributable loss for the year to end-December.

The group confirmed that Thorn EMI, with a 58.9 per cent stake, was in talks with Pearson, the newspaper and banking group, which technically puts the company "in play" as a takeover candidate.

Richard Dunn, chief executive of Thames TV, said the provisions related to property interests, notably in London, that were no longer required after the company's failure to renew its franchise, and to cover Thames TV's American production business.

Because of the expected attributable loss, and because there would be insufficient distributable reserves, Thames TV would not pay a final dividend. The final dividend paid in the 1991 financial year was 5p a share, which made 7.5p (16p).

Thames TV yesterday said that when its unchanged 2.5p a share interim dividend was paid in September, it was in technical breach of the Companies Act. It said it was "considering with its advisers whether any action is appropriate to address this technical breach".

The 1992 results would not be under the new accounting standards, and pre-tax profits were expected to be about £45 million (£8.2 million). The improvement follows cost cutting and better trading. Results would also show that at year end Thames TV had net cash holdings of about £16 million.

Thorn EMI bought BET's 27.6 per cent stake in Thames in February 1991 for which, together with further shares bought under open offer, it paid £38 million.

Thorn EMI's talks with Pearson reportedly started some weeks ago, though the group would not say how long they might last. Analysts suggest, however, that Thames TV was "flushed out" into requesting the temporary suspension of its shares, as was Thorn EMI's statement about talks with Pearson. They suggest that perhaps, at this stage, the two parties have not got around to the question of price.

However, if more than 30 per cent of Thorn EMI's stake was sold to Pearson, thereby effecting a change of control, an offer on similar terms would have to be made to all other shareholders.

Thorn EMI said Thames TV's extraordinary provisions would be incorporated in its own results for the year ended March 31 and which are due to be published on May 25.

The net effect would be a £10 million reduction in Thorn EMI's shareholders' funds which, at March 31, 1992, stood at £733.6 million. The group pointed out that since end March, 1992, there had been various asset deals, and there had been another full year's trading.

Thorn EMI shares eased 5p to 880p.



Property predicament: Richard Dunn announced further provisions

Profits at LWT shoot up by 62%

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LWT (Holdings), the London weekend ITV contractor, benefited from higher programme sales and a reduced cost base to produce pre-tax profits 62.3 per cent ahead at £30.6 million in the year to end-December.

The company's exchequer payments, the reduction in which was announced in November 1991 eased from £16.8 million to £10.5 million. Reorganisation costs related to the new licence, while other costs fell from £6.34 million to £2.77 million. Such costs are unlikely to recur.

LWT is now an 18 per cent shareholder in ITN, whose other shareholders are Carlton, Central, Granada, Anglia, Scottish, and Reuters. LWT has paid £1.9 million as its share of the offer cost, and is committed to subscribe its share of £15 million of convertible loan notes.

LWT's advertising revenue rose 3.9 per cent last year, but the company expects faster growth in the first quarter, while saying the outlook for the rest of the year is encouraging. Under the company's articles, there is restriction on holdings of LWT shares, including a maximum beneficial interest of 10 per cent. LWT believes such restrictions should be removed, and promises more details in its 1992 annual report.

The company says conversion of its preferred shares and management shares into ordinary shares could take place in September, or May next year. LWT would adopt a progressive dividend policy, and after conversion, interim dividends would be declared. The preferred shares yesterday rose from 355p to 378p.

Ratings and revenue at GMTV have not met expectations, but are improving, said LWT, which holds a 20 per cent stake. Start-up costs of £2.9 million associated with GMTV and LNN, the joint news, sport and transmission service with Carlton Television, have been charged against 1992 profits.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Medeva raises £94m to buy German drug firm

MEDEVA, the pharmaceutical group, is raising £94.4 million to buy Ribosepharm, the German drug company, for £52.3 million and pay off remaining debts of £38.6 million. The group, which announced its first European deal only a month ago, has made a stream of acquisitions in the past few years. The shares held steady at 227p yesterday, despite the one-for-four call at 180p, with analysts saying they welcomed Medeva's further expansion.

Medeva says that the Ribosepharm acquisition is designed to help it build up its business in continental Europe. Last year, Ribosepharm had sales of DM30.3 million and operating profits of DM12.6 million, on net assets of DM13.4 million. The group's main product is Ribofolin (calcium folinate), which contributed 62 per cent of sales. Medeva is poised to make further acquisitions, but in the immediate future, these are more likely to be infill deals than strategic moves.

Rates slide in City

BUSINESSES in the City can look forward to reductions of more than 50 per cent in their rates bill when the 1995 rating revaluation comes into force, according to a report by Gerald Eve, the chartered surveyor. The 1995 revaluation of commercial property will be based on rental values as at yesterday, April 1, and Gerald Eve estimates that where the increase since 1988 is less than 30 per cent, rates liability will fall. Rates for offices in the West Midlands are likely to surge by 58 per cent, while London offices could see a decrease in rates of about 52 per cent.

Anger at EC car deal

EUROPEAN car makers reacted angrily to a deal between Brussels and Tokyo to boost the Japanese share of the EC car market this year. The commission, anticipating a backlash from France and other governments hostile to the rising tide of Japanese cars, highlighted a decline in Japanese direct exports to the EC. But sales of cars made at Japanese-owned factories in Europe will more than make up for any shortfall in exports. A total 1,089,000 million Japanese cars will be exported to the EC this year, down 9.4 per cent on last year.

Waterford under fire

WATERFORD Investments, the property investment group, is the latest company to be criticised by the Financial Reporting Review Panel for failing to comply with accounting standards. Waterford's 1991 report and accounts were qualified by its auditors because the company did not disclose the open-market valuation of properties in its balance sheet. The problem disappeared in the consolidated accounts where all the properties are valued as a whole. The company has agreed to comply with SSAP19 in future.

Fairhaven listing

FAIRHAVEN International, the American specialist construction company that operates mainly in Britain and whose shares trade in London, is to seek a London listing for OGC, a subsidiary that services the oil and gas industry. Fairhaven will retain a 60 per cent interest. In 1992, OGC earned taxable profits of £10.5 million, up from £7.2 million, on sales of £226.5 million, against £110.1 million. Fairhaven announced pre-tax profits of $18.1 million, up from $14.1 million, with earnings up to 4.39 cents (4.01 cents) a share.

AAF to expand

AAF Industries, the alloy wheel and modular buildings group, is raising £7.6 million in a rights issue to expand its wheel-manufacturing business. The issue of 4.6 million ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 175p means a loss of control for W&A Group, the South African majority shareholder, which has agreed not to take up its entitlement. Pre-tax profits for AAF for the year to December 31 rose by 20 per cent to £4.8 million on sales of £72 million, up from £64 million. The final dividend for the year is held at 11p.

Spirax profits up

SPIRAX Sarco Engineering, manufacturer and supplier of steam-control equipment which earns three-quarters of its operating profits overseas, reported a pre-tax profits rise to £23.14 million from £22.48 million, with earnings of 18.8p, against 18p. Final dividend is 6.6p a share, making 9.3p for the year, up from 9p. Profits increased despite a £3.3 million exceptional charge against the disposal of Drayton Controls to Unitech. Spirax announced the acquisition of its former licensee in Italy.

Wolseley purchase

WOLSELEY, the British builders' merchant, has agreed to buy Enertech, the Swedish manufacturer of burners, boilers and heating parts and controls, for £44.5 million plus the assumption of certain debts. The deal will be financed by a share placing with institutional investors. Wolseley is raising a further £17.7 million through a placing to ensure that Enertech debt will not increase its own gearing and to finance a small acquisition. Enertech's operating profits in 1992 were SKr80.4 million (£7 million) on sales of SKr1.33 billion.

Atlas rights issue

ATLAS Converting Equipment, the light engineering group, is raising £11 million through a rights issue to expand its equity base and fund possible acquisitions. Shareholders are offered one new 550p share for every four held. Atlas has applied to join the main market from the USM from April 8. It also announced 1992 results, showing pre-tax profits of £5 million against £6.7 million. Earnings fell to 41p per share from 55.1p but the total dividend payout is being raised to 22p from 21p, with a 15p final.

Brussels and US set on Gatt deal

FROM TOM WALKER
IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the European Community's external economic affairs commissioner, claimed yesterday that Brussels and Washington were still determined to conclude a Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) world trade deal by the end of the year.

Sir Leon said his talks with Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, had left him "confident," despite the fact that Washington has made no similarly positive overtures in the last few days.

The commissioner confirmed, however, that the simmering row over public procurement contracts has lost none of its temperature. Mr Kantor's public statements indicating that the EC has begun removing its protectionist legislation in the field have angered Sir Leon, who again confirmed yesterday that no such move has been made.

"The community will not remove or suspend article 29 of the utilities directive unless and until we first agree on satisfactory access for European firms to US public contracts at all levels," Sir Leon said.

Article 29 gives EC firms a "margin of preference" of 3 per cent in any fight to secure a contract over American rivals; the commission claims that in America, the "Buy American Act" gives American firms at least a 6 per cent margin of preference. In many areas EC companies are blocked out altogether.

He said the existing EC directive, even with article 29, still should open up contracts valued at £80 billion to bids by American companies this year. "The hurdle presented by Article 29 is by no means an insuperable one," Sir Leon said.

Nevertheless, a successful outcome to the procurement dispute would build confidence between the world's two major trading partners as well as improving the prospects of a worldwide deal in the Uruguay Round.



Confident: Brittan

ITN takes £77m option on building

BY CARL MORTISHED

ITN has taken an option to buy its headquarters at 200 Grays Inn Road from Stanhope Properties, the developer, for £77 million. The deal forms part of the restructuring of the television news company which has been taken over by a consortium led by Carlton Communications, including Reuters, Central Televison and LWT.

ITN has until June 15 to buy the building where it currently pays a rent of £8.6 million per annum but only occupies a small proportion of the 250,000 sq ft available and ITN is still looking for tenants for 80,000 sq ft. The 35-year lease on the building was the main source of ITN's financial problems, which led to the takeover put together by Carlton. ITN believes it can finance the purchase of the building on a cheaper basis than the cost of continuing the rental payments.

Stuart Lipton, chief executive at Stanhope, has had other parties, mainly German, interested in the investment, but the restructuring of ITN made a sale difficult because of doubts over the TV company's covenant. The option is aimed at giving ITN the time to arrange funding without losing the opportunity to buy the building. If the deal is completed Stanhope will receive £74 million in cash and a further £3 million when the remaining space in the building is sublet.

Stanhope agreed a new loan facility with its bankers in January and has since sold a property in Staines for £20 million. Roy Dantzic, Stanhope's finance director, says group borrowings should fall from £210 million to £130-£140 million if the Grays Inn Road deal is completed.

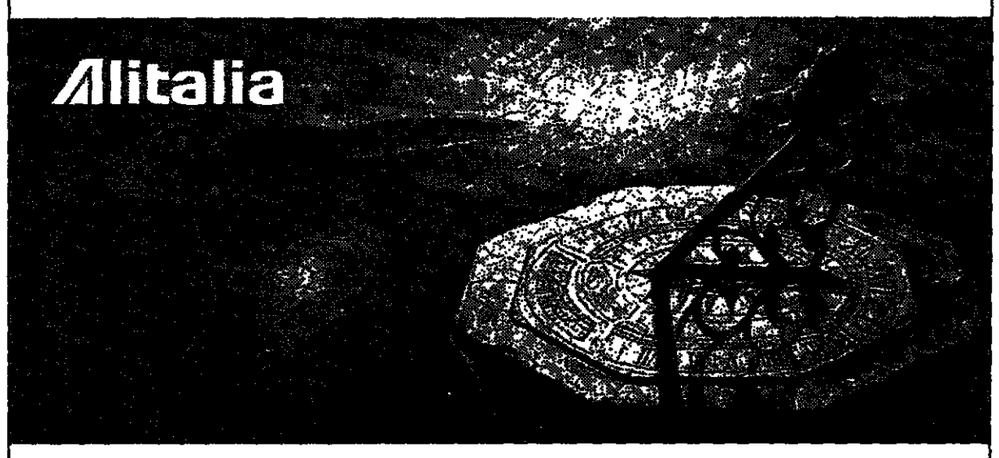


Lipton: other parties

☐ Great Portland Estates is paying £13.8 million for three properties in Milton Keynes, West Bromwich and Bradford, financed by shares and cash. Great Portland is issuing 8.5 million shares of which 7 million are being placed at 150p in the market and the balance are being held by the vendors, Thorntop and Oakport Properties, both private companies.

The properties further diversify Great Portland's portfolio from its core office holdings in the West End. In Milton Keynes, it is buying 237,000 sq ft of industrial space and in Bradford, 18,500 sq ft of offices, both fully let. In West Bromwich, Great Portland is buying a long lease on The Farley Centre, 36,700 sq ft of retail units.

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SE bows to calls for an alternative to the USM

BY JON ASHWORTH

CALLS for a new second market for quoted companies were finally heeded yesterday when the Stock Exchange announced the creation of a working party to look at alternatives to the Unlisted Securities Market.

In a reprieve, the USM will remain open to new entrants until the end of 1994 and will not close before the end of 1996 at the earliest. In a consultative document issued just before Christmas, the Stock Exchange had recommended the closure of the market at the end of 1995. No new entrants were to be admitted after the end of this June.

News of the climbdown comes just three weeks after the scrapping of the Taurus paperless settlement system and the resignation of Peter Rawlins as chief executive. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman and chief executive, said a working party had been formed to examine the extent of demand from other companies for equity financing on a public market. The team would also consider whether it was right for the exchange to provide such a market.

Details of the team's membership and terms of reference will be announced shortly. The exchange said many in the City had supported its view that the USM had lost its identity. Benefits of joining the market had waned, with just two companies doing so in 1992. But there have been several calls for a new second market which would provide much greater differentiation from the official list than the USM currently does.

The minimum requirement for listing are a market capitalisation of £700,000, a three-year trading record and the issue of at least 25 per cent of the company's shares.

News of the extension delighted City observers who have campaigned vigorously to keep the USM open while alternatives are examined. Brian Winterflood, one of the founders of the Campaign for Smaller Companies, (Cisco) said he was "delighted" by news of the reprieve. He said: "This is the first positive result we've had since Cisco was set up in December. It gives a cooling-off period and we hope we can contribute to future discussions."

A survey by Price Waterhouse, the accountant, found 55 per cent of USM company respondents believed the UK required a second market independent of the official list. Graduating from the USM to the main market posed "significant potential obstacles" for most contenders.

Last month, Price Waterhouse wrote to the Stock Exchange expressing its concern at the premature closure of the USM and advocating a delay of at least six months to allow for consultations. The firm proposed a low-cost, low-regulatory market to provide equity capital for growth markets in the UK. This would be a particularly important source of additional capital for management buy out companies and emerging growth companies which are likely to be the main job creators for the foreseeable future.

The firm suggested a new second market could be formed for institutional investors to take up shares in companies capitalised at £5 million minimum.

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Back to basics: David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, seeks to revive the bread-and-butter insurance business

Insurers must cut costs 'to win back traditional work'

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE insurance industry is losing its bread-and-butter business and increasingly holding high-risk catastrophe insurance at a cost of millions of pounds, says David Rowland, chairman of the Corporation of Lloyd's.

At the annual conference of the Association of Insurance and Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce yesterday, Mr Rowland urged the industry to lower costs to win back its traditional business.

The insurance industry is perceived as inefficient because the costs involved in converting premium pounds into claims pounds are too high. The insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates are losing business as their clients turn to alternative ways of spreading risks and reducing costs.

"More and more clients have been moving towards higher retentions, self-insurance programmes, mutuals and captives." Mr Rowland said. Over the past few years there has been a growing trend among large multinationals, such as Bass, the brewer, to set up captive insurance companies, into which premiums are paid and invested to meet insurance needs.

By using these alternative methods companies are managing to "satisfy most of their insurance needs with an expense ratio dropping to as low as 10 per cent, a figure no insurer could match," Mr Rowland added.

This compares with the estimated average expense ratio of 15 per cent for the composite insurers and 30 per cent for Lloyd's. Both Lloyd's and its competitors have reduced their ratios.

Kevin Ryan, an insurance analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "The composite insurers have cut costs by slashing staff levels, freezing pay, closing offices, relocating operations and bringing in more information technology."

Mr Rowland stressed, however, that insurers need to reduce the ratios still further. Lloyd's is this month unveiling plans to lower its ratio by another 10 per cent, taking it to 20 per cent.

Burmah ahead at £180m

BY GEORGE SIVELL

BURMAH Castrol, the lubricants, chemicals and fuels group, surprised the market with a better than expected rise of 8.5 per cent in pre-tax profits to £179.6 million in the year to end-December.

The shares rose 19p to 751p and total dividend 5 per cent to 25.25p on earnings up from 42.6p to 48.7p. Restating the results on the new FRS3 reporting standard, earnings are 46.2p because a £1.9 million revaluation surplus is removed from retained profits. Using FRS3, 1991 earnings were 23.5p because of £33.7 million of extraordinary costs that must be deducted under the new standard.

The American launch of Castrol Syntec, a synthetic lubricant, knocked £6 million off profits. The marketing has cost $16 million.

Foseco, acquired in a £259 million hostile bid during December 1990, is in need of rationalisation and plant closures that will result in hundreds of redundancies around the world and a reduction in the capacity at Foseco metallurgical of 20 per cent.

Sterling devaluation boosted trading profits by £3 million. The switch in Foseco borrowings into local currencies helped raise British corporation tax from £9.7 million to £11.6 million.

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Mild winter hits Great Southern

BY CARL MORTISHED

FALLING mortality rates are curbing profits growth at Great Southern Group, the funeral director that arranges just under 5 per cent of Britain's 600,000 funerals a year. Volume was down in 1992, but cost controls and a 3-4 per cent increase in prices helped to boost pre-tax profits 12 per cent to £5.3 million in the year to December 31.

Eric Spencer, chief executive, said the national death rate was down 3 per cent last year, partly as a result of fewer deaths in the peak mortality winter months. Great Southern is relocating its branches to address changes in demographic trends with southeast London coverage expected to fall from 20 to 15 branches.

Great Southern's Chosen Heritage Plan, a funeral prepayment scheme, increased its profit contribution from £500,000 to £800,000.

Participants in the scheme invest in a trust fund that guarantees to pay the full cost of the funeral. The fund, which is independently managed, now totals £30 million. Annual contributions to profit are allocated after an actuarial valuation of its surplus. "It's a new version of an old-fashioned idea," says Mr Spencer.

Overall, turnover increased 7 per cent to £29 million and earnings per share 9 per cent to 24p. Total dividend rises 1p to 11p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

WHATMAN (Fin)
Pre-tax: £10m (£9.21m)
EPS: 29.08p (26.66p)
Div: 6.4p, mkg 9.5p

Last time's total dividend was 8.7p. Turnover grew to £62.6m (£49.6m). Group is acquiring 60% of Biometra Biomedizinische for up to DM9.6m.

MJ GLEESON GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £4.06m (£5.03m)
EPS: 27.09p (32.64p)
Div: 3.35p (3.35p)

Turnover fell to £80.2m (£87.6m). Prospects for building and civil engineering remain poor, but there is more interest from house buyers.

PRESTWICK HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £106,000
LPS: 0.02p (0.13p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)

Last time's profit was £81,000. Turnover rose 30% to £18.1m. Exports sales surged 89% and now account for 30% of turnover.

TLS RANGE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £190,000 Loss
LPS: 0.98p (1.25p)
Div: 0.25p (nil)

Last time's loss was £259,000. Comparative LPS figure is restated to reflect last June's rights issue. Turnover fell to £9.79m (£9.97m).

BOUSTEAD (Fin)
Pre-tax: £49,000 Loss
LPS: 1.6p (EPS: 0.6p)
Div: 0.35p, mkg 0.7p

There was a profit of £886,000 last time. Last time's total dividend was 0.7p. There is an extraordinary charge of £975,000.

WORLD OF LEATHER (Fin)
Pre-tax: £44,000
EPS: 0.1p (0.9p)
Div: Nil (nil)

Last time's profit was £115,000. Turnover rose to £25.6m (£24.6m). Group saw solid start to year, with increased turnover in first quarter.

JOHN I JACOBS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £425,000 Loss
LPS: 2.0p (EPS: 1.9p)
Div: 1.4p (1st int 1993)

There was a profit of £612,000 last time. There is an exceptional gain of £50,000 and extraordinary profit of £2.98m, giving EPS: 11.5p (3.1p).

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986. J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited is acting for The Thomas Cook Group Limited and not for anyone else in connection with the Tender Offer and accordingly will not be responsible to any other person for providing protections to its customers or for advising any other person on the Tender Offer.

Tender Offer

by

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited

on behalf of

The Thomas Cook Group Limited

to purchase up to 19,439,857 ordinary shares of 3p each in

Owners Abroad Group Plc

at 150p per ordinary share

Further copies of this Tender Offer and the annexed Form of Tender (upon the terms of which alone tenders will be accepted) may be obtained on request from National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited and James Capel & Co. Limited at the addresses set out in the annexed Form of Tender.

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited
120 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DS

2nd April, 1993

To the holders of ordinary shares of 3p each ("ordinary shares") in Owners Abroad Group Plc ("Owners Abroad").

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of The Thomas Cook Group Limited ("Thomas Cook"), J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited ("Schroders") hereby offers to acquire by tender (the "Tender Offer"), on the terms and subject to the condition set out below, up to 19,439,857 ordinary shares in Owners Abroad representing approximately 12.5 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Owners Abroad. If shares in excess of 19,439,857 Owners Abroad ordinary shares are tendered, all tenders submitted will be scaled down *pro rata* to the number of shares tendered.

Thomas Cook currently owns 15,851,851 Owners Abroad ordinary shares, representing approximately 8.9 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Owners Abroad. In the event of Thomas Cook acquiring all those Owners Abroad ordinary shares for which it has tendered, Thomas Cook's holding in Owners Abroad would amount to 35,291,708 Owners Abroad ordinary shares in aggregate, representing approximately 21.4 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital and 16.9 per cent. of the fully diluted share capital of Owners Abroad.

Terms of the Tender Offer

(1) The consideration under the Tender Offer shall be a fixed price of 150p in cash in respect of each Owners Abroad ordinary share tendered and accepted.

(2) Unless valid tenders in respect of more than 1,558,564 Owners Abroad ordinary shares (representing approximately 1 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Owners Abroad) are received, the Tender Offer (and any contract otherwise constituted by acceptance of it) will be void.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) above, all tenders will be irrevocable.

(4) The Tender Offer will close at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th April, 1993 (the "closing date") and no tenders received after that time will be accepted.

(5) Owners Abroad ordinary shares will be acquired by Thomas Cook free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and with all rights now or hereafter attaching thereto, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date hereof, but excluding the proposed final dividend of 2.52p (net) per share in respect of the year ended 31st October, 1992 which is due to be paid on 15th April, 1993.

(6) If the number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares tendered exceeds 19,439,857, tenders will be scaled down *pro rata* to the number of shares tendered.

(7) All tenders must be made on the form of tender which forms part of this document (the "Form of Tender"), duly completed in accordance with the instructions thereon, which (together with the notes thereon) constitute part of the terms of the Tender Offer.

(8) The Tender Offer shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and delivery of a Form of Tender shall constitute an irrevocable submission to the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

(9) No person receiving a copy of this document and/or any Form of Tender in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him nor should he in any event use such Form of Tender, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled filing, registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction, who receives a copy of this document and/or a Form of Tender and who wishes to tender hereunder, to satisfy himself (by taking legal advice or in some other appropriate manner) as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory and, if different, the territory of which he or the beneficial owner of the Owners Abroad ordinary shares tendered is a national or resident in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities. In tendering, the person doing so warrants, and undertakes to represent to Schroders and Thomas Cook that the relevant offer or invitation may lawfully be made to him and that he has taken appropriate steps to satisfy himself as aforesaid provided that if Thomas Cook in its absolute discretion (based upon legal advice or otherwise) determines that in any particular case or cases such warranty, representation and undertaking cannot be or should not have been made, then the relevant tender shall be void and the person making the tender shall have no claim whatsoever against Schroders or Thomas Cook. No steps have been taken to qualify the Tender Offer or to authorise the distribution of the Tender Offer document or Form of Tender in any territory outside the United Kingdom.

(10) The decision of Schroders as to which shares have been successfully tendered and as to the treatment of any fractions arising from any scaling down shall be conclusive and binding.

Procedure for tendering

Forms of Tender, duly completed, should be returned, together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title for Owners Abroad ordinary shares, or, at the discretion of Schroders and Thomas Cook, an indemnity in lieu thereof, to National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses set out on the Form of Tender as soon as possible but in any event so as to arrive not later than 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th April, 1993. If some, but not all, of the shares represented by a certificate delivered with a Form of Tender are sold pursuant to the Tender Offer, the relevant shareholder appearing on the register of members of Owners Abroad (and in the case of joint holders, the first named such holder) or the person if any named for such purpose in the Form of Tender will be entitled to a certificate for the unsold shares to be sent to him by Owners Abroad at the shareholder's own risk.

Notwithstanding that no share certificate(s) is/are delivered in respect of it, a duly completed Form of Tender (i) executed under seal by Sepon Limited and endorsed on behalf of The International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland Limited ("the London Stock Exchange") to the effect that the Owners Abroad ordinary shares to which it refers are the whole or part of a holding registered in the name of Sepon Limited and/or are Owners Abroad ordinary shares to which Sepon Limited is unconditionally entitled immediately to become the registered holder; or (ii) executed by any other person(s) and endorsed on behalf of the London Stock Exchange to the effect that such person(s) is/are unconditionally entitled immediately to become the registered holder(s) of the Owners Abroad ordinary shares to which it refers and that one or more Talisman Transfer(s) in favour of such person(s) in respect thereof is/are in the course of registration, shall be treated by Schroders and Thomas Cook as valid on the date of its actual receipt provided that, on presentation to the Registrars of Owners Abroad for registration, the instrument of transfer executed pursuant thereto is unconditionally (subject to it being, or being deemed to be, duly stamped) accepted for registration.

Settlement

(1) The result of the Tender Offer and (if applicable) the extent to which tenders will be scaled down will be announced by 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14th April, 1993, the business day next following the closing date.

(2) Cheques will be despatched not later than 12 business days following the closing date to holders of Owners Abroad ordinary shares whose tenders, valid and complete in all respects, are received before the Tender Offer closes in respect of the number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares tendered, if applicable, after taking account of any scaling down.

(3) All documents and remittances sent by or to holders of Owners Abroad ordinary shares will be sent at their own risk and no acknowledgement of receipt of documents will be sent. If less than 1,558,564 Owners Abroad ordinary shares are tendered in total, Forms of Tender, certificates and/or other documents of title will be returned within 10 business days of 13th April, 1993.

Taxation

Subject to the circumstances of the shareholder, the disposal of Owners Abroad ordinary shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will normally constitute a disposal or part disposal for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation on capital gains and may give rise to a liability to taxation. Any shareholder who is in any doubt as to his tax position should consult his own professional adviser.

Yours faithfully,
for J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited

R.W.A. Swannell
Director

Member of the Securities and Futures Authority. Registered office as above: registered in England No. 532881.

Certificates held (for completion by the London Stock Exchange or the Registrar).

Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions defined in the Tender Offer document dated 2nd April, 1993 from J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited bear the same meanings in the Form.

FORM OF TENDER

for the sale of

Owners Abroad ordinary shares

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

If you wish to tender all or any of your Owners Abroad ordinary shares, you should complete and sign where indicated below You should insert in Box 1 the number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares which you wish to tender

AND THEN

Sign the Form as provided below and send it, together with your share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title for not less than the total number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares tendered, by post to National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, PO Box 859, Harrisdffe, Bristol BS99 1XZ, or by hand only to National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, 15 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8QS as soon as possible but in any event so as to arrive at either address not later than 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th April, 1993.

NOTE

If you have lost any of your certificates you should follow the procedure in Note E below. Your attention is also drawn to the additional Notes below.

To: J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited and The Thomas Cook Group Limited

(1) I/We, the undersigned, have received the Tender Offer document dated 2nd April, 1993 ("the Tender Offer document") from Schroders offering on behalf of Thomas Cook to acquire by way of tender up to 19,439,857 Owners Abroad ordinary shares. I/We hereby irrevocably tender to Schroders on the terms and subject to the condition set out in the Tender Offer document:

INSERT HERE NUMBER OF OWNERS ABROAD ORDINARY SHARES WHICH YOU WISH TO TENDER *AND THEN SIGN BELOW*

Box 1 →

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1. Tender No.	
2. Ord Tendered	
3. Shares accepted	
4. Balance	
5. Cash £	
6. Cheque No.	
7. Holding	

Owners Abroad ordinary shares held by me/us (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document) at 150p per share, for settlement in cash.

If Box 1 is left blank and this Form is signed, you will be deemed to have tendered the holding represented by the certificate(s) enclosed with your Form of Tender.

(2) I/We enclose the share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title in respect of not less than the number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares tendered hereby.

(3) My/our execution of this Form shall constitute: (i) my/our irrevocable acceptance of the offer on behalf of Thomas Cook, contained in and on the terms of the Tender Offer document in respect of the number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares set out or deemed to be set out above (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document); (ii) an irrevocable appointment (by way of security for my/our contractual obligations hereunder) of each of Thomas Cook and any Director of Schroders as my/our attorney to complete and execute on my/our behalf and in my/our name(s) one or more instruments of transfer in favour of Thomas Cook of the Owners Abroad ordinary shares in respect of which I/we have accepted or shall be deemed to have accepted the Tender Offer (or such smaller number as may result from scaling down in accordance with the provisions of the Tender Offer document) and on my/our behalf to execute any further documents and to do any other acts as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to any such transfer; (iii) my/our irrevocable authority and request to Thomas Cook or its agents and Owners Abroad or its agents to send by post at my/our risk to the person or agent whose name and address is set out below or, if none is set out, to the first-named holder at his/her registered address, a cheque for the cash consideration due to me/us and any document(s) of title in respect of my ordinary shares; and (iv) my/our acknowledgement, and acceptance of the obligations incurred by me/us under paragraph 9 of the terms of the Tender Offer set forth in the Tender Offer document.

(4) Subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, my/our execution of this Form shall constitute an irrevocable appointment (by way of security for my/our contractual obligations hereunder) of each of Thomas Cook and any Director of Schroders as my/our attorney: (i) to exercise any form of proxy in respect of such number of Owners Abroad ordinary shares which are purchased by Thomas Cook; and (ii) if a corporation, to appoint any person nominated by Thomas Cook to attend at and to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf in such manner as he thinks fit or to abstain from voting at any General Meeting of Owners Abroad (and at any adjournment of any such meeting) pending the registration of the transfer in respect of such Owners Abroad ordinary shares.

Please insert below in BLOCK CAPITALS the name and address of the person or agent to whom you wish any cheque and/or document of title to be sent.

Name _____ Address _____

NOTES REGARDING THE COMPLETION AND LODGING OF THIS FORM

IMPORTANT

The following notes should be read carefully. In order to be valid the Form of Tender must be correctly completed in all respects and received by National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses stated below by 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th April, 1993 together with the share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title and, where appropriate, death certificate, probate, letters of administration, marriage certificate and/or deed poll. TENDERS NOT VALID IN ALL RESPECTS WILL BE DISREGARDED.

In order to be valid this Form must, except as mentioned below, be executed personally by the registered holder who should sign in the presence of a witness who should also sign to attest the signature. In the case of a joint holding, ALL the registered holders must so execute this Form. A witness should not be one of the other joint holders. A body corporate must execute this Form under seal, the seal being affixed and witnessed in accordance with its Articles of Association or other regulations, or otherwise validly execute and deliver this Form as a deed.

The following suggestions are made to avoid delay and inconvenience:—

A. If a holder is away from home (e.g. abroad or on holiday):—
Send this Form by the quickest means (e.g. air mail) to the holder for execution or, if he has executed a relevant power of attorney, have this Form signed by the attorney, in the latter case the power of attorney (or a duly certified copy, as provided in the Powers of Attorney Act 1971) must be lodged with this Form for noting. No other signatures will be accepted.

B. If you have sold or transferred your holding in Owners Abroad.—
You should immediately hand this Form to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

C. If the sole holder has died:—
If probate or letters of administration has/have been registered with Owners Abroad, this Form must be executed by the personal representative(s) of the deceased. If probate or letters of administration has/have been granted but has/have not been registered with Owners Abroad, the personal representative(s) should execute this Form and forward it to National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses stated below with the share certificate(s) and with a copy of the probate or letters of administration as soon as possible.

D. If one or more of the joint holders has died:—
This Form is valid if executed by all the surviving holders and lodged with National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses stated below, accompanied by the death certificate, probate or letters of administration of the deceased holder.

E. If one or all of your share certificate(s) has/have been lost or is/are not readily available:—
Complete and lodge this Form with a letter of explanation and any share certificate(s) available with National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses stated below. At the same time you should write to the Registrars of Owners Abroad, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, for a letter of indemnity which should be completed in accordance with the instructions given. When completed the letter of indemnity must be lodged with National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section, at one of the addresses stated below by 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th April, 1993. Indemnities will only be accepted at the discretion of Schroders and Thomas Cook. No payment will be made under the terms of the Tender Offer unless share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title, or an acceptable indemnity in lieu thereof, is/are received by the due date.

F. If your name or other particulars are shown incorrectly on the certificate, e.g.:—
(i) incorrect name
name on certificate _____ James Smith
correct name _____ James Smythe
complete and lodge this Form with the correct name and accompanied by a letter from your bank, stockbroker or solicitor confirming that the person described on the certificate and the person who has executed this Form are one and the same;
(ii) incorrect address
write the correct address on this Form;
(iii) change of name
lodge your marriage certificate or the deed poll with this Form for noting.

Further copies of this Form are available from:—

National Westminster Bank Plc
Registrar's Department
New Issues Section
P.O. Box 859
Harrisdffe
Bristol BS99 1XZ

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited
120 Cheapside
London EC2V 6DS

James Capel & Co. Limited
Thames Exchange
10 Queen Street Place
London EC4R 1BL

Executed and delivered as a deed by the undermentioned shareholder(s):—

PLEASE SIGN HERE Date _____

(1) Sole or First Holder:
Usual signature _____
Surname _____
(State whether Mr., Mrs., Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) _____
Address (in full) _____
Postcode _____
Signature of witness _____
Name and address of witness (in full) _____
Postcode _____

(2) Second Holder (if any):
Usual signature _____
Surname _____
(State whether Mr., Mrs., Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) _____
Signature of witness _____
Name and address of witness (in full) _____
Postcode _____

(3) Third Holder (if any):
Usual signature _____
Surname _____
(State whether Mr., Mrs., Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) _____
Signature of witness _____
Name and address of witness (in full) _____
Postcode _____

(4) Fourth Holder (if any):
Usual signature _____
Surname _____
(State whether Mr., Mrs., Miss or Title)
Forename(s) (in full) _____
Signature of witness _____
Name and address of witness (in full) _____
Postcode _____

In the case of joint holders ALL must sign in the presence of a witness. A corporation must execute under seal or otherwise execute and deliver this Form as a deed. If this Form is not being executed by the registered holder(s), please insert the name(s) and capacity (e.g. "Executor") of the person(s) executing it.

If you are in any doubt about how to complete and lodge this Form, phone National Westminster Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, New Issues Section on Bristol (0272) 378686.

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The Group

RESULTS Total new premiums increased by 16% to £2.4bn. Assets under management increased by 15% to £28.6bn.

BONUSES Reversionary bonuses and bonus growth rates for unitised with profit funds must be declared having regard to our expectations of future investment returns. Last year we reduced our interim reversionary bonus and bonus growth rates on UK with profit policies. We have now brought our declared rates of reversionary bonus on these policies into line with the interim rates. At the same time we have reduced our interim and bonus growth rates in Ireland.

Levels of investment returns are never easy to predict. Returns have fallen considerably in the recent past in each of the three countries in which we operate. If prospective returns are likely to remain at these lower levels, or be expected to fall further, it will be necessary for reversionary bonuses, and bonus growth rates, to be reduced in future.

Our terminal bonuses are designed to give policyholders credit for investment returns and profits not already reflected in their guaranteed benefits and reversionary bonuses. During 1992 the total returns on our with profit funds, whilst being excellent in relation to returns on other competing investments, were lower than those earned in most recent years and this has of necessity been reflected in reductions in our rates of terminal bonus.

Such reductions are, of course, unwelcome. They are however the result purely of the general fall in nominal investment returns that has taken place over the past few years. Whatever the future holds we are committed to producing results for our policyholders which, when compared to those available under competing investment products, are as outstanding as they have been in the past.

STAFF As the complexity of our business, and the range of our activities, grows, so too does the need for our staff to be fully aware of what the Company is seeking to achieve. We therefore introduced during 1992 a major programme to improve communication throughout the Company. All members of staff in the UK and the Republic of Ireland have now had the opportunity to consider and discuss our plans and objectives for the future and how they — both as members of teams and individually — can contribute to the achievement of these objectives.

A similar programme will be introduced in Canada over the coming year.

DIRECTORS Mr T R King and Mr A C Shedden were appointed Directors of the Company on 16 November. Tom King is General Manager (Marketing) of the Company and Fred Shedden is Senior Partner-elect of McGrigor Donald. The election of Mr B J Stewart as a Director of the Company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting. Brian Stewart is Group Chief Executive of Scottish and Newcastle plc.

CORPORATE IDENTITY In response to the major changes which have taken place in the market generally and within Standard Life in particular, we have developed over the year a new Corporate Identity.

The new Corporate Identity was developed primarily to signal to our customers that we are making significant changes in the way we operate to enable us to be much more responsive to their needs. In all areas of our operations we are moving to ensure that our customers will receive an integrated service from a single point of contact. In addition, with the benefit of greater support from technology, internal lines of communication will be shortened and more and more work will be done close to or at the point of customer contact. These changes will require a large investment over several years, but we expect that some of the restructuring work already completed will produce tangible results in the near future.

In addition, and in response to the expressed needs of our customers, most new business will in future be processed in our area offices with service relating to existing business provided mainly by Head Office. We aim to work towards a 'one-stop' approach to the provision of service. These major changes to benefit our customers will be introduced over the next year.

INVESTMENT Sterling's departure from the Exchange Rate Mechanism led to its significant devaluation with a decline in interest rates to their lowest levels for 15 years. The economy remained flat. Nonetheless companies have been reducing costs and improving productivity. As a result, corporate profits, though down, have held up better than might otherwise have been expected. Against this background, fixed interest investments provided the best returns during the year, but equities, looking ahead to economic recovery and declining interest rates, also performed well.

Property had another difficult year with increasing voids and falling rental levels having an adverse effect on capital values. However, initial yields available from this sector now exceed those available from fixed interest investments and should represent very good long term value.

Our investment performance during the year was very good, resulting in excellent long term returns on both our with profit funds and managed funds. Our net managed fund has appreciated by 60% over the five years to the end of 1992, compared with 43% available from average building society returns over that period.

CADBURY REPORT The report of the Cadbury Committee, published in December, drew together many ideas on corporate governance which we have been advocating for some time to companies in which we have significant investments. We were pleased to see addressed the desirability of splitting the role of the Chairman and Chief Executive, the importance of non-executive directors, the restriction on length of service contracts and the general encouragement for fuller disclosure of more information. The disclosure requirements will give us fuller information with which to pursue our interests as responsible shareholders.

INDUSTRY IMAGE During the last year the image of our industry has been tarnished by a great deal of bad publicity, with allegations of poor selling practices, high commissions, high lapse rates and unfair surrender values. Some of the criticisms have been justified but in many cases they have been much exaggerated.

One example was the publication of a survey of companies' lapse rates which we consider flawed, and which pointed to rates several times our own. At the same time some commentators have felt able publicly to criticise surrender values without apparently recognising that, on the basis of our surveys, most policyholders understand our practice and that, all other things being equal, if surrender values are increased then maturity values must fall.

In all this, the good value that we have offered our policyholders over the years seems to have been forgotten. From almost no other retail investment could our policyholders have obtained net returns varying from more than 12% per annum over ten years to almost exactly 14% per annum over 20 years. The majority of our policyholders keep their policies until maturity, and the vast majority of those are fully satisfied with the returns they receive. For anyone to imply otherwise does our Company, and its policyholders, an injustice.

United Kingdom

NEW BUSINESS Total new business premiums for new business written in the UK increased by 20% to £1.7bn.

DISTRIBUTION Our distribution capability has broadened over the past two to three years: we now have tied relationships with Halifax Building Society and the Bank of Scotland which operate very successfully, we have a number of other Appointed Representatives, and we have appointed Customer Services Consultants to provide a service to those of our policyholders who do not have a financial adviser. However, we remain very much committed to the IFA market: nearly 70% of our new business is derived from this source.

SERVICE We have continued to improve the quality of service which we provide to our customers.

In order to facilitate the greater customer focus and accountability for service which we wish to introduce over the next few years, we have restructured the customer service areas of our Service Division to create departments with clearer responsibility for particular aspects of customer care. We have also reduced other layers of management.

Canada

Despite unfavourable economic conditions, our Canadian Operations had a successful year. Considerable progress was made in a number of areas and total premium income rose by 12% to $1.4bn.

Our financial strength was an important factor in our success over the year, with our triple A status clearly differentiating us from the many other financial institutions which suffered from the impact on their mortgage portfolios of the decline in real estate values.

Bonaventure Trust, our wholly owned subsidiary trust company, more than doubled its assets to $195m.

Republic of Ireland

Total new annual premiums rose by 8% to nearly IR£10m, and considerable progress was made in many areas. This was particularly gratifying given that 1992 was another difficult year for the life assurance and investment markets in the Republic of Ireland.

The transfer of certain administrative functions to Ireland will continue during 1993, underlining our determination to provide a better and faster service to our policyholders and their advisers.

Policyholders may obtain a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts, including an agenda for the Annual General Meeting, by writing to the Customer Relations Department at 120 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DY or by telephoning (031) 245 2030.

STANDARD LIFE

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STOCK MARKET

Competition fears send Wellcome into retreat

SHARES in Wellcome were in retreat again. This time, the pharmaceuticals group was hit by competition worries and reports of a bearish article due to be published.

In a generally weaker sector, Wellcome was depressed by potential competition from **SmithKline Beecham**, which has been presenting in America. The firm has developed Famciclovir and Penciclovir, anti-viral drugs, which it is promoting as the first major rivals to Wellcome's leading anti-viral drug, Zovirax. Sentiment was also affected by reports of mixed results for AZT, Wellcome's anti-Aids drug, in an Anglo-French trial, the results of which are due to be published in *The Lancet* medical journal on Saturday.

There were also some suggestions that **British Bio-technology Group**, unchanged at 470p, may be making progress with its clinical programme for its Aids treatment, although this is not seen as a serious threat to Wellcome at the moment.

Wellcome shares, which were depressed last week by caution on growth prospects, ended down 19p at 743p, after touching 735p. SmithKline Beecham A lost 4½p to 407½p.

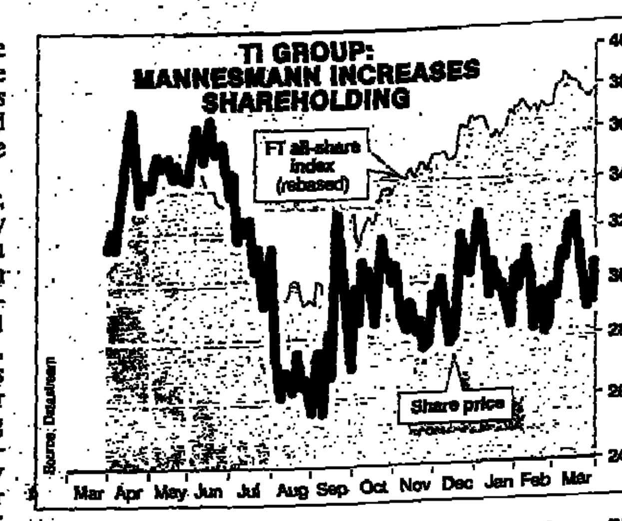
Meanwhile, London equities were mixed, trading in a relatively narrow range for most of the day. The German Bundesbank's decision not to change its interest rates caused no serious upsets.

Despite a positive start to trading on Wall Street, shares in London ended near their opening levels. The FT-SE 100 index finished down 0.3 at 2,878.4. Volume, boosted by a string of mixed programme trades on both sides of the Atlantic, reached a relatively healthy 676.7 million.

Meanwhile, parts of the hotels sector continued to be nervous, unsettled by the suspension of Queens Moat Houses on Wednesday, with **Forte** among those worst affected. Forte shares lost another 8p to 184p, giving a two-day fall of 17p. **Ladbroke** was 5p lower at 176p, and **Savoy A** was down 20p to 740p.

Hanson, the industrial holding company, firmed 1½p to 233½p after selling almost half of its stake in **Wassall**, the packaging to adhesives group. Hanson has cut its shareholding to 4.04 per cent, with the sale of 6.18 million Wassall shares, through Hoare Govett, for about £14.5 million. The sale leaves Hanson with 6.18 million Wassal shares. Wassall edged up 1p to 238p.

Shares in **TI Group** rose 6p to 305p, supported by news that Mannesmann, the German engineering group, had lifted its stake in TI to 7.7 per cent, up from 7.1 per cent. This revived speculation in some quarters that Mannesmann has aggressive intentions, although seasoned City followers feel the buying merely represents a previously indicated move by Mannesmann to lift its stake in TI to 10 per cent.



Highland Distilleries, due to report interims on Monday, rose 13p to 282p after it decided to equity account for its 35.4 per cent stake in Robertson & Baxter. Analysts say the change gives a 25 per cent boost to Highland's earnings and a straight revaluing should, therefore, take it to about 330p.

British Aerospace added 8p to 283p, boosted by reports that Virgin Atlantic Airways is about to announce a £300 million Airbus order.

BM Group continued to plummet, with shares in the debt-laden engineering to distribution conglomerate diving another 13p to 18p after panic selling took hold, with volume reaching 9.8 million shares. Brokers said there was talk that BM had, at best, a 70 per cent chance of surviving in its present form.

Better than expected figures helped **Burmah Castrol** advance 18p to 750p, while **Next** added 11p to 172p after upgradings from analysts in the wake of bumper full-year profits.

Pilkington gave up 9½p to 115½p, on a heavy volume of 16 million shares traded. There was switching out of the ordinary shares and into the group's new £80 million bond issue.

Vickers eased 1p to 129p despite announcing a 92.6 per cent take-up of its £60.5 million rights issue, at 95p a share.

Medeva received a good response to its one-for-four £94.4 million rights issue, at 180p a share. Medeva shares ended 3p higher at 230p. But **Costain** slid 6p to 29p after the building and construction group unveiled massive losses for last year.

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WALL STREET

Dow gains 6 points in mixed trading

New York — Wall Street stocks were mixed in morning trading and analysts said the stock market was doing well after Wednesday's fall. They said the drop was an aberration caused by computer-driven sell orders and options expirations. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.22 points to 3,441.33, while declining shares led advancing shares.

☐ **Tokyo** — Stocks ended the first day of fiscal 1992-3 sharply higher, led by communications-related issues. The Nikkei average closed at its highest since March 31, 1992. It gained 507.64 points, or 2.73 per cent, to 19,099.09, with an estimated 620 million shares traded.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares closed barely above their day's lows after the Bundesbank said it was keeping interest rates unchanged. The vast majority of players had expected no move by the central bank. The Dax index closed 12.63 points, or 0.8 per cent, down at 1,671.58.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices closed little changed after recovering from the day's low in late trading, but brokers do not see chances of near-term sharp gains. The Straits Times Industrial index closed little changed at 1,669.06 after dipping to a low of 1,661.66.

☐ **Sydney** — Arbitrage trading and a stronger Tokyo market helped Australian stocks to close slightly higher after sliding in morning trade, brokers said. The all-ordinaries index closed up 1.4 at 1,668.8.

	Apr 1 midday	Mar 31 close
AMP Inc	60	59⅞
AMR Corp	64¼	65
Abbott Labs	25⅞	25⅞
Aetna Life	47⅞	47⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43½	44⅛
Albertsons	57⅞	56½
Alcan Alumum	18⅛	19⅛
Alco Standard	45⅛	45⅞
Allied Signal	66½	66⅞
Alum Co of Am	64¼	64½
Amax	18⅛	18⅛
Amerada Hess	52⅞	52⅞
Amer Brands	33⅞	33⅞
Amer Cyanamid	51	52⅞
Amer El Power	36⅞	36⅞
Amer Express	27⅛	26⅞
Amer Genl Corp	31	31⅛
Amer Home Pr	65⅞	66⅛
Amer Intl	128⅞	127⅞
Amer Stores	42	42⅞
Amer T & T	57⅞	56⅞
Ameritech	76½	76⅞
Amoco	57⅛	57⅞
Anheuser-Busch	53⅞	53⅞
Apple Computer	51¼	51½
Archer Daniels	25⅛	25⅞
Arkla	8⅛	8⅛
Armco	7⅛	7⅛
Armstrong Wrld	34⅞	34⅛
Asarco	23⅞	24½
Ashland Oil	27	26⅞
Atl Richfield	116⅞	116¼
Auto Data Pro	51½	52⅛
Avery Dennison	28⅛	28⅞
Avon Products	62¾	61½
Baker Hughes	23	23⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25⅞
Banc One	58⅞	57⅛
BankAmerica	50⅞	50⅞
Bank of NY	57⅛	57⅞
Bankers Tr NY	71½	71½
Barnett Banks	45⅞	45
Bausch & Lomb	54½	54⅛
Baxter Intl	29⅞	30
Becton Dickinsn	36⅞	36⅞
Bell Atlantic	55⅞	56
BellSouth	56⅞	56⅞
Black & Decker	18⅞	18⅞
Block (H&R)	36⅞	37
Boeing	35	35
Boise Cascade	24½	24⅞
Borden Inc	26⅞	26½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅞	59
Browning Ferris	27⅞	27⅞
Burlington Nthn	51½	51½
CBS	217⅞	216⅞
CNA Financial	95⅞	95⅛
CPC Intl	45⅞	45
CSX	70⅛	67⅛
Campbell Soup	44⅞	44⅞
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	540	546
Cpd Holdings	77⅛	77⅞
Carolina Pwr	33	32⅞
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅞
Central & SW	32⅞	32⅞
Champion Intl	30⅞	30⅛
Chase Manhat	34⅞	34⅞
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40⅞
Chevron Corp	82⅞	83⅞
Chrysler	39⅞	39⅞
Chubb Corp	94	94
Cigna Corp	61⅞	62
Citicorp	29⅞	29⅞
Clorox	51½	51⅞
Coastal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Coca Cola	42⅞	42⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	66⅞	66⅞
Columbia Gas	22⅞	22⅛
Commonw Ed	27⅞	28
Compaq Comp	49⅞	49⅞
Comp Ass Intl	23⅞	23⅞
Conagra	27⅞	27½
Cons Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	49⅞	49
Cons Rail	57⅞	57⅞
Cooper Inds	47⅛	50⅞
Corning Inc	34⅞	34
Crown Cork	38⅞	38⅛
Dana Corp	46⅞	46⅞
Dayton Hudson	83⅞	82⅞
Deere	53⅞	53⅞
Delta Air Lines	52⅞	52⅞
Deluxe Corp	45⅞	43⅞
Detroit Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Digital Equip	45⅞	43⅞
Dillard Dept St	45⅞	46
Disney (Walt)	44⅞	44⅞
Dominion Res	43⅞	43⅞
Donnelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	48	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	50⅞	51⅞
Dow Jones	31½	31½
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	39⅞	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	59
Du Pont	48⅞	48⅞
Eastman Kodak	54½	54½
Exxon Corp	85⅞	83⅞

	Apr 1 midday	Mar 31 close
Emerson Elec	58⅞	58⅛
Engelhard Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Enron Corp	59⅞	60⅛
Entergy Corp	35⅛	35⅞
Ethyl Corp	29⅛	28⅛
Exxon	65⅛	66⅛
FMC Corp	48	48⅞
FPL Group	36⅛	37
Federal Express	55⅛	56⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	80	79½
First Chicago	41⅞	41½
First Interstate	38⅞	38⅞
First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	35½	35⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅞	41½
Ford Motor	52⅛	52
GTE Corp	36⅛	37
Gannett	52⅞	52
Gap Inc Del	31¼	32⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	99⅞	98⅞
Gen Electric	89⅞	89⅞
Gen Mills	71¼	71
Gen Motors	37⅛	37⅞
Gen Reinsurance	117	117¼
Gen Signal	64⅞	64⅛
Genuine Parts	36⅞	35⅞
Georgia Pac	60⅞	60⅞
Gillette	60	60⅞
Glaxo ADR	17⅛	18⅛
Goodrich (BF)	47⅛	48⅞
Goodyear Tire	75	74¾
Grace (W&R)	38⅛	38½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	25⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅞	17⅞
Halliburton	36⅞	36¼
Heinz (HJ)	39⅞	39⅞
Hercules	75⅞	75⅛
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53⅞
Hewlett Packard	75⅞	76⅞
Hilton Hotels	48	48⅞
Home Depot	62⅞	63⅛
Homestake	14⅞	14⅛
Honeywell	32⅞	32⅛
Household Intl	69⅞	69⅛
Houston Inds	46⅞	46½
Humana	7⅞	7⅞
ITT Corp	81½	79⅛
Illinois Tool	71½	71
INCO	23⅞	23⅞
Ingersoll Rand	30⅞	31½
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	113⅞	115
IBM	51⅞	50⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	112⅞	112⅞
Intl Paper	68	68⅞
James River Va	19⅛	19⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41⅞	42⅛
K Mart	23⅞	23⅞
Kellogg	66⅞	66⅞
Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49⅞
Kimberly-Clark	55⅞	54⅞
Knight-Ridder	56⅛	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	47⅞	48⅞
Limited Inc	25	24⅛
LIN Brdcstng	84⅞	83⅞
Lincoln Nat	80⅞	80⅞
Litton	53⅞	53
Liz Claiborne	36⅞	36⅞
Lockheed Corp	63⅞	64
Louisiana Pac	69⅞	70
MCI Commun	44⅞	44⅞
Marriott	25⅞	26⅛
Marsh & McLnn	94⅞	94⅞
Martin Marietta	73⅞	73⅞
Masco Corp	34⅛	34⅞
May Dept St	77	76⅞
Maytag Corp	13⅞	13⅞
McCaw Cellular	36⅞	37½
McDonalds	53⅞	52⅞
McDonnell D	56⅞	56⅞
McGraw Hill	64	63⅞
Mead Corp	43	43⅞
Medtronic	72⅞	75⅛
Mellon Bk	61⅛	60⅞
Melville Corp	47⅛	48⅞
Merck Inc	34⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	72⅞	71⅞
Minnesota Mine	109⅞	109⅞
Mobil Corp	68⅞	68⅞
Monsanto	49⅞	49⅞
Morgan (JP)	68⅞	67⅞
Motorola Inc	65⅞	66⅞
Natl Medical	9⅞	9
Natl Semi	13⅞	13⅞
Natl Service Ind	24⅞	24½
Navistar Int	2½	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	35⅞	35⅞
NY Times A	30⅞	30⅞
Newmont Mng	44	44
Niag Mohawk	22⅞	22⅞
Nike B	76⅞	76⅞
NL Industries	5⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	32⅞	32⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅞	63⅞
Nthn State Pwr	46⅞	46⅞
Norwest Corp	50⅞	49⅞
Nynex Corp	91½	92⅞
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24⅛	24⅛

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Oracle Systems	37⅛	36⅞
Oryx Energy Co	23⅞	23⅞
PNC Financial	33⅞	33⅞
PPG Industries	68⅞	67⅞
Paccar Inc	64½	64⅞
Pacificorp	18	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	26⅞	26⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅞	34⅞
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Panhandle East	23	23
Paramnt Comm	49⅞	48⅞
Parker Hannifin	32	32⅞
Penney (JC)	89⅞	89⅞
Pennzoil	57⅛	57⅞
Pepsico	42⅞	42⅛
Pfizer	61½	62⅛
Phelps Dodge	50⅞	50⅞
Philadel Elec	29⅞	30
Philip Morris	64½	64
Phillips Pet	28	28⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅛	42⅛
Polaroid	29	28⅞
Price Co	33½	33⅛
Primerica	44⅞	46⅞
Procter & Gmbl	49⅛	49⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33⅛	33⅞
Quaker Oats	67⅛	67
Ralston Purina	50⅞	50⅞
Raychem Corp	40	40⅛
Raytheon	56⅛	55⅞
Reebok Intl	35⅞	35⅞
Reynolds Metals	48⅞	48⅞
Roadway Srvcs	63½	69⅛
Rockwell Intl	30⅞	30⅞
Rohm & Haas	53⅞	53⅞
Royal Dutch	89⅞	88⅞
Rubbermaid	34½	35
Safeco Corp	65⅞	65⅛
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅞
Salomon Inc	38⅞	38⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅞	15
Sara Lee Corp	28	27⅞
Scecorp	47⅛	47⅛
Schering Plough	58⅞	60
Schlumberger	60⅞	59⅞
Scott Paper	36⅞	37⅞
Seagram	28⅛	28⅛
Sears Roebuck	54½	54⅞
Shell Trans	53⅞	52⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅞	33⅞
Skyline Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Snap-On-Tools	33⅞	33⅞
Southern Co	42⅞	42⅞
S'western Bell	77⅛	78
Sprint Corp	30⅞	30⅛
Stanley Works	45⅛	45½
Sun Company	25⅞	27
Suntrust	46⅛	46½
Supervalu	32⅛	32⅛
Syntex Corp	18⅞	18⅛
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅞
TRW Inc	63⅛	63
Tandem Comp	12½	11½
Tandy Corp	30	29⅞
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	21½	21½
Temple Inland	47⅛	46½
Tenneco	45⅛	46
Texaco	63⅛	63⅞
Texas Inst	57⅞	58⅞
Texas Utilities	45⅞	45⅞
Textron	47⅛	47⅞
Time Warner	34⅛	34⅞
Times-Mirror	33⅞	33⅛
Timken	30⅞	30
Torchmark	59⅞	59⅞
Toys R Us	40⅛	40⅞
Transamerica	53	53⅞
Travelers Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Tribune	53⅞	53⅞
Tyco Labs	45⅞	45⅞
UAL Corp	126	124¼
UST Inc	29⅞	28⅞
USX Marathon	19⅛	19⅛
Unilever NV	117⅛	116⅞
Union Camp	42⅞	42⅞
Union Carbide	18⅞	18
Union Pacific	61½	60⅞
Unisys Corp	13⅞	13⅞
USAir Group	20⅞	20⅞
USF&G Corp	16½	16⅞
US Life	38⅞	38⅞
US West	43⅞	43⅞
United Tech	47⅞	47⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	29⅞	29⅞
VF Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	31⅛	31⅛
Warner-Lambert	69⅞	70⅛
Waste Mgmnt Inc	33⅛	37⅛
Wells Fargo	108⅞	108⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅞
Weyerhaeuser	41⅛	41⅛
Whirlpool	54	53⅞
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	66⅞	67⅛
Woolworth	31½	31⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	33⅞
Xerox	83	83⅞

MAJOR CHANGES

FALLS:		RISES:	
Savoy Hotel 'A'	740p (-20p)	Highland Distl	282p (+13p)
Glaxo	590p (-16p)	Takeda Chem	805p (+22p)
BM Group	18p (-13p)	General Accident	589p (+15p)
VSEL	630p (-11p)	LWT CP	378p (+23p)
Wellcome	743p (-19p)	Burmah Castrol	750p (+18p)
Liberty Life	889p (-27p)	BAT	999p (+10p)
SA Breweries	865p (-43p)	Next	172p (+11p)
Thomson Corp	799p (-28p)	Cable Wireless	742p (+10p)
Tibbet & Britten	720p (-21p)	Vodafone	391p (+9p)
ADT	608p (-22p)	J Sainsbury	486p (+9p)
ICI	1165p (-12p)		
Liberty	590p (-20p)		

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BRITISH FUNDS

DESPITE a positive start, gilts fell sharply in the afternoon, wiping out early gains, which followed Wednesday's successful auction. Dealers said sterling's strong showing and an early announcement that Wednesday's tap of £600 million had been taken up by the market helped the follow-through early on.

The gilt future hit an early £106 27/32, prompting the Bank of England to sell out all its tranche of Treasury 8 per cent 2003, created on Wednesday, at £52 7/32. But the squeeze saw the future finish 10 ticks lower at £106 4/32, on a volume of 31,000 contracts.

There were losses of £¼ across the cash market. Index-linked finished with gains of about £⅛ across the board. Among stocks, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 lost 8 ticks to £111 5/32, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 7 ticks to £105 30/32.

1992/93 High	1992/93 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103⅝	101⅞	Treas 12¼% 1993	101⅞	...	12.26	5.88
100⅛	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100⅛	...	5.99	5.65
106⅞	105⅛	Treas 13¾% 1993	105⅞	-⅛	13.09	5.70
102⅞	101⅞	Treas 8¼% 1994	102⅛	...	8.30	5.59
109⅛	107½	Treas 14½% 1994	107½	...	13.44	5.61
109⅞	108⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	108⅞†	-⅛	12.50	5.72
105⅞	104⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	9.54	5.80
110⅞	106⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅞	-⅞	11.71	5.87
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104⅞	-⅛	8.59	5.91
111⅞	109½	Treas 12% 1995	110½	-¼	10.90	6.06
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½†	-¼	3.12	4.95
109⅛	107½	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅞	-⅛	9.42	6.13
116½	114⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	115⅞	-¼	11.05	6.29
120½	117⅞	Treas 14% 1996	119	-¼	11.76	6.48
125½	122⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	123⅞xd	-⅛	12.32	6.60
120⅞	116⅞	Exch 13¼% 1996	118⅞	-⅛	11.20	6.67
111½	109	Conv 10% 1996	110⅞	-⅛	9.05	6.68
122⅞	119⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅞	-⅛	10.95	6.89
113⅛	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅛	-⅛	9.33	6.79
108⅞	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	107⅞	-⅛	8.15	6.79
132⅞	128⅞	Exch 15% 1997	130⅞xd	-⅛	11.49	7.07
112½	109⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	111⅞	-⅛	8.77	6.97
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103⅛	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅞†	-⅛	7.14	6.76
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100⅞†	-⅛	6.74	6.74
138⅞	134⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	136¼†	-⅛	11.33	7.27
122½	118⅞	Exch 12% 1998	121¼	-⅛	9.91	7.37
112½	108⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅞	-⅛	8.57	7.17
124⅞	120⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	123⅞	-⅛	9.95	7.42
117⅞	113⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	115⅞	-⅛	9.07	7.28
117⅞	112⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	115⅛	-⅛	8.89	7.33
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	-⅛	8.23	7.27
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	129⅞	-⅛	10.07	7.72
115⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	113⅞	-⅛	8.78	7.52
129⅛	123⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	127⅞	-⅛	10.95	7.40
114⅞	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	113⅞	-⅛	8.61	7.75
53⅞	47⅞	Treas 8% 2003	50⅞	-1⅛	8.00	7.71
116⅞	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	114⅞	+⅛	8.72	7.92

1992/93 High	1992/93 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122⅞	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120⅞	-⅛	9.51	7.91
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72½	-⅛	4.80	7.00
112½	105⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	110½†	-⅛	8.57	8.05
112⅞	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	110½†	-⅛	8.57	8.07
131½	124⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅞	-¼	9.65	8.27
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅞†	+⅛	7.97	8.00
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123⅞	+⅛	9.50	8.20
104⅛	97⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	102½	-⅛	8.27	8.16
139⅞	131⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137⅞	-⅛	9.82	8.25
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108⅞	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	106⅞xd	-⅛	8.43	8.21
99⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	98⅛	+⅛	8.12	8.25
108⅞	100½	Conv 9% 2011	106⅛	-⅛	8.49	8.35
108⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	106	...	8.49	8.37
76⅞	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅞	+⅛	7.32	8.05
97⅞	89⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅞	-⅛	8.20	8.30
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅞	-⅛	9.04	8.38
105⅞	97⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅞	-⅛	8.46	8.42
		UNDATED				
48	43⅞	Consols 4%	47⅛	+¼	8.47	...
42⅞	38⅞	War Ln 3½%	41⅞	+⅛	8.40	...
63	60⅛	Conv 3½%	63	+¼	5.56	...
31⅞	28⅛	Consols 2½%	31½†	+¼	8.03	...
30⅛	27⅞	Treas 2½%	29⅛	-¼	8.47	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅛	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	132½	...	...	1.08
197½	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	196½†	...	1.64	2.40
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅞†	...	2.02	2.60
166½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166½	+⅛	2.61	2.96
163⅞	153	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163⅛	+⅛	2.75	3.04
111⅞	105½	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	111¼†	+⅛	2.88	3.16
170⅞	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅞	+⅛	2.94	3.17
154⅞	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅛	+¼	3.15	3.35
159⅞	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅞	+¼	3.21	3.41
131½	122⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅛	+¼	3.29	3.45
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139⅛	+¼	3.34	3.50
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133⅛†	+¼	3.41	3.54
111½	102⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅞	+⅛	3.44	3.58
111⅞	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111⅞	+¼	3.45	3.59

Moving the goalposts on economic help for Russia

The weekend summit between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin will be dominated by the question of aid, reports Wolfgang Münchau



Under pressure: President Yeltsin faces a power struggle

Few issues in international economics have given rise to so much hyperbole as the question of financial aid to Russia. With the zeal of recent converts, Americans have become the latest to discover the importance of aid, without which, some proponents claim, Russia's democracy could not survive. Inextricably linked with the survival of Russia's democracy is the peace dividend — in America's case about $120 billion in defence cuts over five years, without which President Clinton would not have an economic programme worth the name. The reality, however, is that whatever the West may grant in new assistance will not be large, and will fall far short of its grand ambitions.

The question of assistance will dominate this weekend's summit between Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin, and also a special Group of Seven meeting of foreign and finance ministers in Tokyo this month. Mr Clinton will be travelling to Vancouver with extra aid in his pocket, possibly $300 million, which would increase total US assistance to $700 million, to help Boris Yeltsin survive his power struggles.

The notion of aid as an insurance policy for the survival of Russian market reforms not only underestimates the intelligence and nature of Mr Yeltsin's opposition, but also disguises some fundamental aspects of the anatomy of successful economic reform in general. Assistance is sometimes incidental to successful reform, and sometimes, in an ideal situation, can act as a catalyst, but rarely, if ever, does it constitute the main driving force. This force can only be domestic, and no assistance programme, however generous, can succeed without it.

The present economic conditions of most G7 nations and the constitutional set-up of international institutions responsible for dealing with assistance suggest that the amounts of extra aid will be severely limited. Unilateral efforts are close to being financially exhausted, while the multilateral efforts are close to being constitutionally and financially exhausted.

The first point, about unilateral assistance, was well illustrated in last week's Washington talks between Mr Clinton and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany. Both agreed that Russia needs more money, but also that Germany and the US, the world's largest and second-largest provider of assistance to Russia respectively, have exhausted their aid-giving potential. Both countries, indeed most of the G7 nations, face severe domestic fiscal retrenchment, and an electorate that would not accept higher taxes or a reduced commitment to cut the deficit solely to bail out another country.

Hence, they agreed that the main burden of a new assistance package must be shifted on to the multilateral stage. This is where the International Monetary Fund comes in with other institutions that provide specific help, such as the World Bank or the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Within the US administration a view has gained ground that Russia could not fulfil the present criteria the IMF attaches to its lending, and thus it would be necessary to move the goalposts. This view is also supported by the European Community at large but not by the IMF, or at least not by the IMF's Washington technocrats. The issue of moving the goalposts has all the hallmarks of developing into something of a dispute.

IMF officials already argue behind the scenes that it would be seen to be unfair to relax the conditions for Russia, while keeping the strict conditions for the rest of central and eastern Europe, and indeed for southern America. One official, who evidently did not warm to this idea, said: "It is enshrined in the articles of agreements that each member be treated equally. If you do it for one of them, you have to do it for all. You can't change the rules in the middle of the game."

The view of the IMF, and also of the World Bank, is that the economic reform in Russia will not be solved by throwing money at the problems. Lewis Preston, president of the World Bank, said recently that in Russia "the major obstacle to progress is the constitution crisis and the lack of political consensus on the direction of reform. To that extent, the fate of Russia lies in Russia's hands."

So what can Russia expect from the West and its institutions? From the IMF, Russia might receive $3 billion to $4 billion in standby agreements and extended credit facilities. Under IMF rules, a member country can draw only as much per year as its share in the fund, which in Russia's case is about $6 billion after a recent increase. The extent to which this ceiling can be exhausted depends on the IMF's assessment of the member state's stabilisation efforts. With inflation in Russia now running at 1 per cent a day, Russia does not even score marks for effort on this point. But IMF officials are also taking a favourable view of last week's economic package, presented by Boris Fyodorov, Russia's deputy prime minister and the man in charge of economic reform. His package is a departure from the economically grotesque and politically inept shock-therapy approach, in that it puts greater emphasis on counterbalancing social policies, such as the introduction of a *minimum subsistence-level wage*, while reaffirming a commitment to stabilise the economy.

The second item of help could be a stabilisation programme. Last year's agreed $6 billion rouble stabilisation programme was never delivered, but may be rekindled in some form according to a letter, written by Lawrence Summers, the US undertreasury secretary designate, to fellow G7 officials. But the $6 billion in stabilisation and the $4 billion — if it is that much — do not add up to $10 billion in multilateral aid, simply because stabilisation money is not real money but a safety net hopefully never to be tapped. A stabilisation fund for a currency is activated once a degree of monetary stability is reached, but then the need for external stabilisation is frequently obviated. So if one wanted to calculate the real value in Western assistance, one should include only "real" credits and grants.

Compared with the size of IMF assistance, with or without the present goal posts, the contribution of the international institutions is smaller in scale and more specific in purpose. The World Bank, for example, lent $350 million for import finance, $250 million for the Moscow foreign exchange, $90 million for privatisation and $70 million to help improve Russia's social security network. The US administration is particularly keen on the social security aspects, having recognised that a monetary stabilisation shock is easier to digest with basic social provisions in place than without. Social security benefits may receive greater attention in the future than they did in the past.

While all these measures are important in their own right, they cannot be employed to "save democracy" in Russia, or even to save Mr Yeltsin. Unfortunately, this is the line of argument pursued by Mr Clinton and one of his predecessors, Richard Nixon, who is in danger of becoming one of America's foremost foreign policy liberals. Much of their argument rests on an inverted logic. Aid cannot bring about a satisfactory political outcome, but a satisfactory political outcome can result in the adoption of policies that can be cemented with aid. The best that Western aid can achieve is to help Russia overcome some of the difficulties of economic reform.

While this is not a mean feat, the question of western assistance to Russia is certainly not the most important economic issue facing the world at the tail-end of the 20th century. G7 leaders should rather concentrate on their own backyard and try to solve the problems of slow growth, high unemployment and rising trade tensions. A robust and open international economic system would be the best assistance policy that the West could offer Russia and its neighbours, far superior to any hypothetical stabilisation measure.

TEMPUS

Reverse gear

FULL year figures from Costain show why the construction group was in such a hurry to sell its Australian coal business to Hanson last month. The group's gearing of 96 per cent on net debt of £152 million at the end of 1992 looks dicey enough even including the proceeds of the sale, but in the last three months that has worsened by another £67 million as a result of the shrinking contracting book, currency movements and the cash outflow at TransManche Link.

If Costain's 33 per cent stake in Spitalfields was valued on an open market basis, instead of as a completed development, the group's net assets would be up to £40 million less, or as little as £120 million. The development will not after all be started until 1996 and completed until next century. On these calculations the group's gearing is now more than 150 per cent. At this level there should be no surprise that National Westminster, Costain's lead bank, has had to loosen two of the group's borrowing covenants.

Alan Lovell, Costain's new finance director, has to reduce the group's debts urgently, particularly since £119 million is dollar denominated at fixed rates of more than 8 per cent. Unfortunately, Hanson has already bought Costain's most attractive asset and the group must now sell whatever it can lay its hands on. This includes the remaining Australian property, 800 housing plots in Britain, which should raise £9 million, and the American talc and gold mines, which could fetch another £12 million.

All these may bring borrowings back under control, but then the group's survival will rest on its ability to maintain its contracting book and ensure that it writes no more loss-making contracts like Eurotunnel. Costain's cash problems are hardly an advertisement. Either way, the shares remain distinctly high risk.

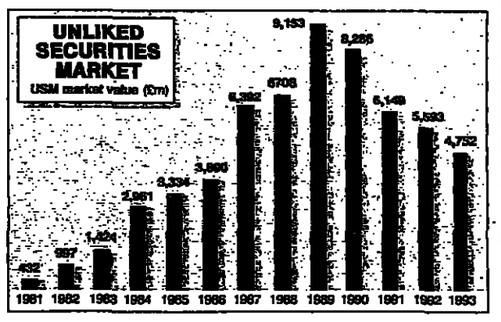
USM

IN THE wake of the Taurus catastrophe, the stock exchange seems all too willing to bend to the wishes of both professional and private equity market investors. Its decision to suspend the death sentence on the Unlisted Securities Market until 1996 is a sign of this new humility, but does nothing to resolve the future structure of the equities market.

Few would disagree that the USM has outlived its usefulness. The death knell was sounded more than two years ago, when the exchange reduced the number of years of financial data that companies had to give when they applied for a full listing from five years to three, in line with EC regulations. Since then, 127 companies worth less than £50 million have come to the main list, only 22 have chosen the USM. Unfortunately, many of the lobbyists for the protection of the USM cannot suggest any new role for the market.

The SE's new working party must now try to find one. Indeed, there is a need for a second market that offers cheap access to equity for small and new companies. Private investors are fascinated by smaller company stocks with high risk/reward profiles and if the SE refuses to meet the demand, offshore share pushers may return.

But, in the current climate, any second market will still need to be tightly regulated and offer reasonable liquidity. The working party chances of fulfilling all these criteria look slim.



Next

TWO years ago, the world had written Next's epitaph. Now, it seems, the retail group has staged the greatest comeback since the boomerang. After restoring the balance sheet two years ago, largely through the sale of Grattan, the group has brought its profit and loss account back to life. An impressive turnround certainly, but shareholders would be forgiven for wondering if the group can sustain this profit growth or whether this is time to sell.

David Jones' refusal to countenance anything other than glacial, organic expansion may only fuel their fears, but Next is not bumping its head on the ceiling yet.

Even in the throes of recession, the stores have delivered impressive sales growth without recourse to discounting, unlike other retailers. Sales per square foot have risen 40 per cent in the past two years to £350, but are quite capable of rising to more than £400, since Next still has a low conversion rate. Only a few of the stores' visitors actually buy anything. This suggests there is plenty of scope to lift its 3 per cent share of the clothing market. The City expects pretax profits of £50 million this year, which would put the shares on an earnings multiple of less than 15, so there is still scope for improvement.

Thames TV

THE picture from Thames is ugly. The profits warning is bad news for its shareholders, but plays into Pearson's hands in its negotiations to buy Thorn EMI's stake. Thames' shareholders may be tempted to think such a takeover would solve all their problems. But it is not clear what Pearson could add.

Although the conglomerate has a stake in BSkyB, it is unlikely that it could provide a better deal for the sale of Thames' programmes. The television programme producer would remain almost entirely dependent on the ITV network, as it is now. Despite moves towards a freer market, the power in Channel Three remains with broadcasters rather than independent producers. Thames' ambitions for Channel Five may also be thwarted if it were taken over by Pearson. Under the rules of cross-media ownership, Pearson, which also has interests in newspapers and satellite television, could take only a 5 per cent stake in a terrestrial broadcaster.

With Pearson unlikely to be generous and the future uncertain, this may be the time for Thames shareholders to make a hasty exit.

Burmah Castrol

AS the group readily admits, there will be no more sizeable moves like Foseco for Burmah Castrol until it makes a success of Foseco.

The group cannot make a success of Foseco, however, until the steel and metallurgical markets improve, so it is forced to stick to the line that it bought the company for the longer term. In the meantime, Burmah is pouring millions of dollars into the American launch of Syntec oil, a synthetic version of something that flows cheaply out of the ground.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Queuing up for BLW

WE SHOULD hear on Monday that the TSB Group has decided to dispose of Bell Lawrie White, its Scottish stockbroking arm, to Brewin Dolphin, the private client operation based in London. As part of the deal, directors of Bell Lawrie have been invited to subscribe for shares in the enlarged Brewin Dolphin at 560p each and will end up controlling 25 per cent of the company. But a question-mark hangs over Bell Lawrie's Manchester office, which, conspicuously, has not subscribed for any shares. Word is the team may have decided to do its own thing. It is believed that Gerrard Vivian Gray, the Holborn private client operation, had also shown interest in Bell Lawrie, along with Leg. & Mason, the American firm. Sir Nicholas Goodison, TSB's chairman, must be wishing he had as many interested parties enquiring about Hill Samuel, the group's loss-making merchant banking operation.

Fresh links

THINGS may never be the same again at London Securities, the property developer, having seen its share price collapse from a peak of 225p in 1987 to 2¾p now. The group is undergoing a capital reconstruction, which has turned out to be good news for the members of Mill Ride Golf Club, which it owns. Ride, an 18-hole club in Berkshire, is close to Sunningdale and Wentworth (green fees £30 midweek). The members have got together with Barclays Bank and Arthur Andersen and arranged for the club to be "ring fenced", making it financially independent. They are believed to have renegotiated debts estimated at between £8 million and £12 million into a long-term loan. Dickie Freemantle has resigned from the board of London Securities to devote his time to heading Mill Ride's management team. No doubt, the move will result in rousing celebrations at the 19th hole. It remains to be seen if it does anything for members' handicaps, or their bank balances.

GM baiting

THE new Volkwagen strategy of poaching cost-killers from General Motors has clearly started to get up the American carmaker's exhaust. An angry statement yesterday from David J. Herman, managing board chairman at Opel, GM's German subsidiary, even suggested mild panic. Herman's appeal to VW to stop the pracice can only fall on deaf ears. VW seems more concerned about overtaking Japanese producers than about the well-being of GM. VW, keen to get back into the black after a disastrous first quarter, has not been satisfied with luring José Ignacio López de Arriorúa into switching from GM to VW. It has allowed him to offer VW bait to no less than 40 managers from the GM group in the past few days.



Striking out early

HARD-pressed hoteliers, such as Queens Moat, hoping to make a killing from the effects of today's combined rail and bus strike in London are likely to be disappointed. A straw poll carried out by the City Diary suggest that few traders or fund managers will be staying at London hotels for the night in an attempt to beat the expected traffic jams. It would appear that those making the effort to reach work will, instead, be getting up before dawn. One leading broker at Kleinwort Benson says cynically: "It is the first leg of a three-week account. Most fund managers will regard it a waste of time coming in." Graham Farrer, managing director of Sanwa BGK Futures, has cancelled a game of squash for an early night. "If we are not in place by 7.15 am when business starts, we will lose money," he says. Steve Scott, gilts analyst at Kleinwort Benson, says he will be staying with his mum in Greenwich instead of travelling from Fleet, Hampshire.

MICHAEL CLARK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Credit control need more flexibility

From Mr W. Grey

Sir, The German Bundesbank has recently, in addition to interest rate cuts, also lowered its minimum reserve requirements, or the variable deposits it requires banks and other credit institutions in Germany to lodge with it as an auxiliary instrument of credit control.

In Britain, meanwhile, where all types of credit control are taboo, "special deposits", serving the same purpose, have for the past dozen years or so fallen into disuse as allegedly damaging and ineffectual, leaving a gap in the Bank of England's armoury and placing an added burden on the interest-rate weapon.

Given the example of Germany and others whose economic track record bears comparison with ours, could not this facility by reactivated, with building societies now perhaps to be included, alongside banks, within the same flexible and beneficent regulatory framework?

Yours faithfully,
W. GREY,
12 Arden Road,
Finchley,
N3

Without warning

From Mr Ralph Hopton

Sir, So there was particular anger in the City over the lack of warning before the announcement by Queens Moat Houses (April 1).

How tragic that the City was not tipped off so that they could unload their holdings on innocent private investors.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH HOPTON,
Juniper Cottage,
South Park Crescent,
Gerrards Cross,
Buckinghamshire.

Getting in a flap

From Kit Kelly

Sir, From the City Diary of March 30.

"As Richard Branson has pointed out... access to landing and takeover slots at airports... is decisive".

A buccaneering entrepreneur indeed: everybody else's aircraft merely take off.

Yours faithfully,
KIT KELLY,
22 Hastings Road,
Pembury,
Kent.

Subsidies lead to days lost through strikes

From Mr David H.R. Holland

Sir, Philip Bassett's article regarding working days lost through strikes ("Strike clouds gather..." March 31) is interesting.

I believe it proves that the more money government provides through industrial subsidies, the greater will be the number of days lost through strikes — yet another example of Parkinson's law. Will this government never learn?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID H.R. HOLLAND,
Holland & Sherry Group,
Savile Row, W1.

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Inappropriate smiles irritate bruised shareholders

From Mr B.M. Lamb

Sir, It is an often recurring and profoundly irritating paradox to bruised shareholders (and I suspect employees and ex-employees) to behold pictures of grinning company executives framed with details of horrific results.

Today's Taywood piece is a good example. If such gentleman must be photographed, perhaps the apparent hilarity of the occasion could be arranged to emerge after the cameras have departed.

Yours faithfully,
B. M. Lamb,
The Boundary,
Altrincham,
Greater Manchester.

Reading between the failure lines

From Mr John McQueen

Sir, I am beginning to wonder if your newspaper employs John Major as a sub-editor after reading the feature in the business section (March 31) headed 'Slowdown in rate of company failures points to recovery' by your industrial correspondent. He then goes on to report that the number of business failures has increased in the first quarter of this year!

Is this a new form of logic being employed by *The Times*, and many other national newspapers?

If and when recovery does come there should, on past evidence, be a sharp increase in business failures as overstretched businesses try to trade out of their present problems.

The figures do not show that recovery is on the way — they show the opposite. We remain deep in slump and with the commercial and tax structures we have in this country as they are, we remain likely to stay there.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN McQUEEN
Chief Executive,
The Bankruptcy Association of Great Britain and Ireland,
4 Johnson Close,
Abraham Heights,
Lancaster,
Lancashire.

The Standard Life Assurance Company Annual General Meeting

The 167th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Head Office, 3 George Street, Edinburgh on Tuesday 27 April 1993 at 2.30pm.

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote. A proxy need not be a member.

By order of the Board of Directors
D M Simpson
Secretary
Edinburgh, 31 March 1993

Policyholders may obtain a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts, including the agenda, by writing to the Customer Relations Department at 120 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DY or by telephoning (031) 245 2030. Proxy forms may be similarly obtained by members entitled to vote.

STANDARD LIFE



Victim of expansionism: George Davies, the founder who lost control of Next as the boom years of the eighties came to a close

Quietly standing Next in line

As David Jones basked in the reflected glory of Next's impressive results yesterday, he probably felt he had finally lain to rest the ghost of George Davies, its former chief executive. But the irony of this latest chapter in Next's extraordinary recovery story, is that Jones has in fact taken Next back to its roots. The group has come full circle.

Next exploded on to the high street in the 1980s offering affordable, stylish clothes to the new generation of Thatcher's children. George Davies, Next's charismatic Liverpudlian founder, presided over its phenomenal profits growth from £4 million in 1981-2 to £92.4 million in 1987-8, catapulting the group into the league of Britain's top 100 companies with a market capitalisation of £1.3 billion.

However, when the retail boom of the mid-1980s tailed off, Mr Davies was left struggling. Ousted in a dramatic boardroom coup in December 1988, he was replaced by David Jones, his former deputy. There could have been no greater contrast: Mr Davies, the publicity-loving entrepreneur, and Mr Jones, the backroom boy who had spent 20 years diligently working at Grattan, the mail order business bought by Next in 1987.

The only thing the two men had in common was their insistence on wearing Next suits in public. A Yorkshire accountant, Mr Jones may have lacked Mr Davies' retailing flair, but he was able to provide the tight financial controls Next needed.

An acquisition spending spree, which included the £300 million purchase of Grattan and the £335 million contested bid for Combined English Stores, had stretched the balance sheet. Gearing reached a heady 125 per cent and the group was saddled with a redemption bill of £170 million on its convertible eurobond. Moreover, the CES acquisition had also taken Next into unchartered territory such as camping holidays, jewellers and chemists.

The core Next brand had also been overdeveloped. The womenswear chain had mushroomed into Next for Men, Next Interiors, Next to Nothing, Next mail order and financial services. To house his growing empire, Mr Davies joined the "race for space", opening too many stores at high prices. Sales per square foot, the acid test for a retailer, slumped while costs rose.

Mr Jones slammed on the brakes with a restructuring programme. He closed down or sold all the peripheral businesses and concentrated on Next Retail. The proliferation of clothing ranges was cut and space in remaining core business drastically reduced, with the closure of more than 100 under-performing stores and the loss of 2,000 staff.

The exercise did not come cheap. Profits were hit in 1990 and 1991 by heavy exceptional costs, forcing the company into the red. The City became sceptical that Mr Jones would be able to pull it off, especially when performance in his own backyard of Grattan started to waver. In 1990, the shares touched a low of 2½p.

The turning-point for Next came when Mr Jones secured the sale of Grattan to Otto Versand, of Germany, for £165 million. The disposal sorted out the group's balance sheet, securing its financial future. However, a question mark remained over Jones' retailing skills and whether he could resurrect the profit and loss account in the same way.

He proved his critics wrong. In March last year, Next surprised the City by announcing a £12.3 million profit. This reversal of fortunes was achieved by basic retailing skills and a greater attention to detail. Stock control was overhauled with the best-selling ranges, quickly identified and re-ordered to cater for demand; window and store displays were improved: and the organisation structure was decentralised, with greater power passing to the stores and their staff.

Mr Jones now enjoys the same superstar status in the City as Mr Davies did in his early days. He refuses, however, to succumb to the same expansionist ambitions that toppled his predecessor. Growth and caution will go hand in hand.

Ironically, Mr Jones has turned out to be a fiercer protector of the core Next brand than its flamboyant founder.

SUSAN GILCHRIST

Slough raises the rights temperature

Rising share prices signal a cash-call revival, writes Carl Mortished

THE stock market is bracing itself for a flood of share issues from highly-geared property companies after the successful underwriting of a £147 million rights issue for Slough Estates.

There is no shortage of willing candidates: the property sector needs equity and a surge in the share prices of the leading property companies over the past three months has encouraged many companies to think positively about cash-raising.

Property shares have outperformed the market by 19 per cent in the past three months and discounts to net asset value for the six largest companies — Land Securities, MEPC, Hammerson, Great Portland, British Land and Slough — narrowed to about 6 per cent.

British Land and Great Portland Estates are two market favourites for share issues. British Land's gearing is about 130 per cent and a rise in the share price has narrowed the discount to forecast net asset value to about 8 per cent.

Great Portland is known to favour equity fundraisings and yesterday announced a £10.5 million share placing to finance the acquisition of three properties. Analysts expect its gearing to rise from 75 per cent to 100 per cent this year.

But companies hoping to follow Slough's example face a problem. Institutions that want exposure to real estate do not have to buy shares. Direct investment in bricks and mortar is beginning to look attractive again, with property showing a yield advantage against long gilts.

In addition, most property company portfolios still carry the dead weight of unlet developments and investments acquired during the boom.

Slough Estates' issue illustrates another problem. Struck at a heavy 23 per cent discount to the market price to tempt underwriters, the 5.5 per cent yield on the enlarged share capital looks good when compared with an average equity market yield of about 4 per cent.

However, institutions buy shares, at least partly, for dividend growth, and Slough Estates has cut its payout for the 1992 financial year by 30 per cent.

Great Portland has already announced a possible dividend cut for the 1993-4 financial year and Hammerson, whose results are due next month, has signalled that the full-year dividend is to be cut by half to 10p.

There is not much chance that property companies will be able to improve their dividends soon. Their buildings are to a greater or lesser extent let at rents well above the prevailing market price, which means that growth in cash flow will be delayed for some time beyond the date when rents begin to rise again. However, institutions will probably be keen to back small issues to finance selective property purchases.

In addition to Great Portland, two companies, Frogmore Estates and Capital & Regional Properties, raised more than £12 million this month for property deals financed by share placings. For companies such as Frogmore and Great Portland, whose shares trade at a premium to the estimated net asset value, issuing highly-rated equity to buy buildings makes sense.

For investors, on the other hand, the attractions are not as obvious. If recovery is on the way, there is no reason for a property company to reduce its debt to equity ratio, because gearing enhances growth as values rise.

On that basis, a highly-geared company such as British Land is a strong recovery play.

Over the next few months shareholders are likely to hear a number of calls for new funds to finance expansion.

For most of the property companies, the real reason will be balance-sheet repair. At least Slough Estates had the courage to admit it.

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Abstract of Audited Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 1992

Funds and Provisions	(£)	(£)
Endowment Fund		13,788,756
Reserve Fund		734,958
		14,523,714
Reserve Fund		
As at 31 December 1991		864,483
Income from investments, etc		1,265,339
		2,129,822
Less		
Grant expenditure	1,022,613	
Non-grant expenditure	372,251	
		1,394,864
As at 31 December 1992		734,958

GEOFFREY LORD, Secretary and Treasurer
Cosnely Park House, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 7EJ. 18 March 1993

BELL nee MARSHALL, MURIEL CONSTANCE BELL nee MARSHALL. WIDOW late of 3 The Glade, Park Road, Buxton, Derbyshire died at Stockport, Cheshire on 17 July 1992
(Estate about £30,000)

COOK, MARIE ELEANOR COOK WIDOW late of Park House Nursing Home, Mill Lane, Sandy, Bedfordshire died there on 8 September 1991
(Estate about £5,000)

COOPER, NORAH ELIZABETH COOPER SPINSTER late of Sherwood Lodge, 71 Alwoodley Road, Wandsworth, London SW18 died there on 28 November 1990
(Estate about £5,000)

GOODWIN, PETER HELER GOODWIN otherwise PETER GOODWIN late of 65A Mildmay Grove, Kingsland, London N1 died there on 30 January 1992
(Estate about £11,000)

HOWGATE, ANNIE HOWGATE SPINSTER late of 47 Wilberforce Avenue, Leeds, West Yorkshire died at Scarborough, North Yorkshire on 31 August 1992
(Estate about £12,000)

HUSSEY, GERARD FRANCIS HUSSEY late of 28 Richmond Court, Osmond Road, Hove, Sussex died there on 6 April 1992
(Estate about £50,000)

KIRKPATRICK, EDWARD JOHN KIRKPATRICK otherwise EDWARD KIRKPATRICK late of Flat 8, 1 Syndey Place, Exeter, Devon died at Exeter on 11 September 1991
(Estate about £41,000)

LANGASTER, WALTER LANCASTER late of 24 Ashton Court, 254 Camden Road, Camden, London NW1 died there on 18 July 1992
(Estate about £50,000)

LLOYD, ALFRED LLOYD late of 1/103 Oakhurst Road, Birmingham, West Midlands died at Birmingham on 16 April 1988
(Estate about £16,000)

McDONNELL, nee SMITH, JANE McDONNELL nee SMITH SINGLE WOMAN late of St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear died there on 7 December 1989
(Estate about £6,000)

MACKLEY, ALBOROUGH JOHN MACKLEY otherwise ALBOROUGH JOHN MACKLEY late of 47 Berkeley Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset died there on 16 October 1992
(Estate about £56,000)

NOEL-SMITH, PATRICK CONRAD NOEL-SMITH late of Wenham Holt Nursing Home, Hillbrow, Liss, Hampshire died there on 13 January 1992
(Estate about £7,700)

OLAK, STANISLAW otherwise STANLEY OLAK late of 47 Mary Street, Scunthorpe, Humberside died at Brigg, Humberside on 4 March 1990
(Estate about £60,000)

PALMER, INA BETTY LOUIS PALMER SPINSTER late of 17 Meadway, Malvern, Worcestershire died at Worcester on 5 February 1992
(Estate about £150,000)

ROBERTSON, ISABEL LUJAN CHRISTINA ROBERTSON otherwise ISABEL ROBERTSON SPINSTER late of 3 Tennyson Gardens, Darlington, County Durham died at Darlington on 9 October 1991
(Estate about £14,400)

SAYNOR, HARRY EDWARD SAYNOR late of 8 Sycamore Croft, Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 27 March 1992
(Estate about £7,000)

SIMMONDS, ALAN MAXWELL SIMMONDS late of 74 Lisgar Way, Southend-on-Sea, Essex died there on 30 December 1991
(Estate about £24,000)

SLATER, LESLIE DORE SLATER late of 23 Normanhurst, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge died at Cambridge on 30 August 1991
(Estate about £11,000)

STUBBS, RAYMOND JOHN STUBBS otherwise RAYMOND STUBBS late of The Westlands, Sutton Road, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire died there on 20 May 1992
(Estate about £6,600)

TAPPING, CHARLIE FREDERICK TAPPING otherwise CHARLES FREDERICK TAPPING late of 71 Kinfauns Road, Goodmayes, Essex died there on 28 November 1992
(Estate about £30,000)

TURNER, WILLIAM NEEDHAM TURNER late of 7 Green Street, Mayfair, London W1 died there on 2 March 1993
(Estate about £1,000,000)

WILSON, DORA LYDIA WILSON SPINSTER late of 625 Gleadless Road, Sheffield died there on 10 August 1992
(Estate about £5,200)

The list of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

Amerdale Limited
Registered number: 1442253. Trading name: Shelavin Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 March 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and G B Minian (office holder nos: 1788 and 8268). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

BILTONROSE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 15th day of April, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 of sad.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 29th day of March 1993.
R.S. TREW, Director.

Calmcraft Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Chamberlains, Britannia House, Leagrave Road, Luton, LU3 1RJ on 7 April 1993 at 10.30 for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT not later than 12 noon on 6 April 1993.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 1 Telford Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1HT between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board
R Cubitt, Director

CELSUS PLINY LIMITED
TAKE NOTICE THAT I Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Celsus Pliny Limited by a Resolution of a meeting of the company's shareholders held on 19 March 1993.
Notice is also given that creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, at the above address, by no later than Friday 23 April 1993, which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors, and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
DATED this 30th day of March 1993
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF ZUGI LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 26 March 1993, I, Martyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 26th day of March 1993
M.J. Carter

OPTLOCK LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steve George Taylor MIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 15th March 1993.
Dated this 31st day of March 1993.
S.G. Taylor, Liquidator

Introspect Contracts Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of the London Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4 on the 8th April 1993 at 10.15 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) They have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 22nd March 1993
Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

Introspect Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of the London Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4 on the 8th April 1993 at 10.00 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by, or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 22nd March 1993
Peter Anthony Lawrence and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

KENTS DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
Registered No: 961482
A Meeting of Unsecured Creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(8) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the Creditors think fit, to establish a Committee of Creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The Meeting will be held as follows:
Date: 8th April 1993
Time: 11.00 a.m.
Place: The London Chamber of Commerce
Creditors whose claims are wholly Secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting.
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:
(a) he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf. A Form of Proxy is attached (Form 8.3)
Dated 26/3/93
P.A. LAWRENCE & B. MILLS
Joint Administrative Receivers
8 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9XH.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOKIA (U.K.) LIMITED
(Company No. 1800669)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
(a) the above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase;
(b) the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £24,604,530, and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 30th March 1993;
(c) the statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by sections 173 and 174 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at Christchurch House, Upper George Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 2RS; and
(d) any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 30th March 1993 apply to the court under sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 30th March 1993
R.J.D. Thompson,
Company Secretary.

No 001186 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF INTER-CITY PAGING LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th March 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,510,000 to £2 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd March 1993.
DATED this 1st day of April 1993
Behrens, Thompson & Co
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7JP
Solicitors
for the above-named Company

ORIEL RESIDENCES 1 PLC.
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Ed Wacey of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 26 March 1993 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30 April 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned E J Wacey of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
The Liquidator also gives Notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 3 May 1993 he intends to make a final return to the creditors who have submitted their claims by 30 April 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full
Dated: 29 March 1993
E J Wacey, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
D.W. THOMAS (PENSIONS) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Tuesday the 6th day of April 1993 at 10.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Geoffrey Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated this 26th day of March 1993.
By Order of the Board
R.H. PICK, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
D.W. THOMAS (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Tuesday the 6th day of April 1993 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Geoffrey Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated this 26th day of March 1993.
By Order of the Board
R.H. PICK, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
KIMBERLEY HEATINGH LTD.
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN and Nigel John Halls of Lennox House, Boutort Building, Saxa Road, Gloucester, were appointed Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 25th March 1993.
Dated this 29th day of March 1993.
M.R. Derrington and N.J. Halls, Liquidators.

TILBROOK PLANT HIRE LTD
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Limes Hotel, High St, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8DQ on Friday, the 23rd day of April 1993 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a list of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.
Giles Heathcote Whitbome of 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require; or
on the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB being a place in the relevant locality.
Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at 19A Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 26th day of March 1993
By Order of the Board
of Directors, R.C. Tilbrook

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL MARKET MERCHANTS LIMITED T/A SAM COOK
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1126225
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M 1LB on Tuesday 13 April 1993 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on Thursday 8 April 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

W HEYES & SON (BRENTFORD) LIMITED
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 474915
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M 1LB on Tuesday 13 April 1993 at 11.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on Thursday 8 April 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

COMPANY NOTICES

SPANISH 4% EXTERNAL LOAN (1974 issue)
The coupons due 1st April 1993 may be presented for payment at Banco Exterior de Espana 9 King Street, London, EC2V 8EH between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm.
London 2nd April 1993.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stss	
2	South West	Water	
3	Vaux Group	Breweries	
4	Harries	Mining	
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6	Wyevale	Drapery,Sss	
7	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
8	Spirax-Sarco	Industrial	
9	Forward Gp	Electrical	
10	Banks (S C)	Foods	
11	JIB Group	Insurance	
12	Suter	Industrial	
13	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
14	Heywd Wtm	Building,Rds	
15	Stand Chart	Banks,Dsc	
16	Carclo Eng	Industrial	
17	Sanderson Elect	Industrial	
18	Perkins Food	Foods	
19	TI	Industrial	
20	Bodycote	Industrial	
21	Headline	Newspapr,Pub	
22	Feedback	Electrical	
23	Danka Bs Sys	Industrial	
24	Fyffes	Foods	
25	RTZ	Mining	
26	Booker	Foods	
27	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
28	Midstates	Industrial	
29	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stss	
30	Dooling Kind	Newspapr,Pub	
31	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stss	
32	Mansfield	Breweries	
33	Compass Gp	Leisure	
34	BAA	Transport	
35	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
36	Havelock Euro	Industrial	
37	Rank Org	Industrial	
38	Randfontein	Mining	
39	Simon Eng	Industrial	
40	Travis Perkins	Building,Rds	

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£1,000 MATCH THE SHARES

If you have ticked off your eighth share in our Match The Shares game today, claim your prize by telephoning 0254 53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm (see the Sunday Times for full details)

The winner of yesterday's Portfolio Plus prize of £6,000 was Mr J Causton of Shipston-on-Stour, Warks.

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335	284	Meyer Int	310	...	16.5	6.9	32.8
4	4	Milkin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
93	62	Mowlem (J)	86	...	10.5	...	...
78	70	MSM	73	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	4.0	...
148	106	Newman Tnks	134	-1	...	4.7	...
246	197	Persimmon	234	...	8.6	4.9	23.9
26	23	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochin	1550	...	20.0	2.5	9.4
96	80	Pressac	95	...	3.4	4.0	...
6p	4½	Quilligotti	5	...	...	...	...
655	598	RMC Gp	632	+1	20.9	4.2	22.5
117	91	Ralph Ind	94	...	6.0	8.5	18.7
36	20	Rammco	22	...	...	...	...
490	402	Redland	437	-5	...	7.9	29.8
75	64	Reskel	72	+1	4.3	8.0	9.6
253	207	Rugby Group	253	+2	6.4	3.4	...
40	25	Rvrfld-Inve	40	...	...	...	7.2
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	104	...	4.0	5.3	...
172	116	Sheffield Ind	156	-1	5.4	4.6	...
93	82	Sheriff Hdgs	93	...	...	2.9	13.9
98	66	Shorco	95	...	...	7.3	14.6
228	208	Smart (J)	215	-5	8.5	5.3	9.8
6½	4½	Sirmin	5½	...	0.3	7.3	0.6
124	103	Tarmac	124	+3½	5.5	5.9	51.3
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	5.8	4.5	11.2
90	63	Taylor Woodrw	90	...	1.0	1.5	...
535	433	Tilbury Dougls	499	-6	23.0	6.3	...
24	19	Town Kitson	23	...	...	2.3	...
192	168	Trans Pacific	184	-2	8.0	5.8	26.0
34	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	4.1	...
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	...	...
47	41	Vibroplant	48	+1	3.6	10.0	8.8
41	20	Ward Hidgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	445	-2	10.7	3.3	...
14	8	Wescol	12	...	...	...	...
121	90	Westbury	117	...	...	5.5	...
12	4½	West Midlnds	9	...	...	...	...
5	3	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
399	371	Wilson Bowdn	396	+2	8.7	3.0	...
178	147	Wilson (C)	160	+2	3.9	3.3	25.4
157	107	Wimpey G	140	-2	5.2	5.0	...
32	25	YRM	32	-2	4.0	...	3.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	608	-22	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	218	...	11.0	6.7	3.4
58	36	Air Lingus	43	...	...	5.8	10.2
39	37	Alfred Lahee	37	...	...	2.0	...
175	126	Auto Sec	156	+4	5.3	4.6	...
108	85	BET Ord	90	+½	...	9.6	13.2
75	41	BNB Res	70	...	4.9	9.3	...
318	258	BPP	280	...	8.6	3.8	...
285	260	Barbour Index	265	...	10.0	5.5	13.3
20	15	Bousted	17	...	0.7	5.6	...
226	186	Brit Data Mgt	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
14	11	Broadcastdata	14	...	...	...	...
66	58	Brook Service	58	...	4.0	6.9	14.5
104	86	CBT Gp	92	...	2.4	3.5	10.6
486	419	Capita Group	483	-1	6.3	1.7	...
40	31	Chalcot Plc	38	...	0.5	1.8	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	52½	...	...	...	...
35	26	Christie	33	-2	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	266	-2	...	1.4	20.6
33	18	Comma	31	...	...	...	...
189	64	Corp Services	169	+½	...	...	...
78	50	Dan	78	+2	3.3	5.6	8.9
230	198	Davis Service	228	...	7.9	4.8	...
104	85	EW Facts	103	...	4.3	5.7	...
16½	11	Gardiner	16	...	0.6	5.5	...
36	20	Gardner (DC)	35	...	...	...	...
248	226	Hays	245	+1	4.6	2.5	23.8
220	185	Hogg Robinson	186	...	6.3	4.5	14.0
78	56	Holmes Protecn	56	...	...	...	1.3
162	127	Hutch Wtamp	150	...	...	3.0	...
1,130p	965p	ISS B DKr	1,130p	+85½	...	0.0	17.0
637	332	Inchcape	587	-1	...	3.3	19.6
863	669	Johnson Clean	832	+9	26.7	4.1	...
12	2½	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
244	187	Mitie Gp	232	+1	2.7	1.7	17.5
1187	993	Manpower	1026	-59	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	42	...	1.8	5.9	...
279	217	Penpas	273	-1	...	1.0	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	115	...	10.5	22.8	3.4
423	385	RCO	405	...	12.8	4.8	13.9
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.7	...
68	63	Reed Executive	56	...	...	...	...
156	131	Reliance Secs	151	-34	...	4.6	13.2
238	208	Rentokil	219	+3	4.3	2.0	16.0
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	278	...	6.3	3.0	18.7
399	343	Salvesen (C)	365½	-3½	7.0	2.6	20.2
35	29	Scott Pickford	33	-1	...	3.2	9.1
206	165	Securicgard	165	-3	9.4	7.6	8.7
6	4	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
948	695	Seren Gp	940	+3	14.0	2.0	...
352	252	Sherwd Cmps	342	...	...	2.3	9.2
130	101	Skotchley	103	...	3.0	3.9	12.5
355	327	Warner Howrd	340	...	...	3.4	19.0
45	39	Welpac	39	...	0.6	0.6	30.8
22½	14	Wills Gp	22½	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	227	Allied Colloids	233	...	3.9	2.2	18.5
759	613	Amersham	719	-1	12.5	2.3	26.7
7	4	Anglo Ind	6½	...	0.8	...	...
1,301½	832½	BASF Dm	975p	-66½	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	257	+2	8.8	4.6	18.8
£119	£104	Bayer DM50	£112½	-150	...	5.1	...
150	134	Biagden	148	...	7.4	6.6	...
166	142	Brent Chems	144	-1	7.4	6.9	...
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	470	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	28½	+½	1.3	6.2	...
153	127	Canning (W)	135	+4	7.2	7.4	...
608	530½	Courtaulds	576	+2	13.0	3.0	15.6
228	208	Crode	208	...	7.25p	4.5	...
148	121	Doeflex	128	...	4.6	4.8	...
198	177	Ellis & Everard	178	+1	7.0	5.3	16.2
27½	15½	Euro Colour	27½	+1½	0.6	3.2	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	-1	...	2.8	14.3
228	194	Hickson	220	-1	8.0	5.0	...
£114½	£61½	Hoechst	£105	...	...	7.6	...
1294	1048	ICI	1165	-12	55.0	4.3	28.9
688	581	Laporte	680	+9	19.5	2.9	...
223	197	Leigh	203	-2	7.8	5.1	16.6
19½	12	MTM	14	...	...	...	2.8
1712½	1462½	Monsk Hydro	1625	-71½	...	1.8	...
430	330	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	2.6	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
296	254	Flysu	266	+2	6.0	3.0	18.1
210	173	Povair	208	-1	3.6	2.3	22.2
15	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	15	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storgm	447	+1	10.0	4.5	11.0
485	395	Wiltshire R	485	...	17.0	4.8	...
391	368	Yorks Chem	381	...	...	2.7	20.4
306	240	Yule Catto	301	-3	5.4	2.4	18.3

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	90	...	3.0	4.4	...
70	42	Amber Day	68	+1	3.7	6.1	18.6
317	257	Argos Plc	315	+4	...	3.0	20.7
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	83	+3	0.1	0.2	...
280	203	Aspreys	280	...	...	4.3	24.5
203	193	Austin Reed	193	...	6.0	...	56.2
153	125	Bestdle (J) 'A'	141	...	5.7	5.4	13.5
121	97	Bennells	120	...	3.8	4.3	17.7
273	208	Bensetts	223	+2	...	0.6	37.6
31	23	Blacks Leis	23	-1	3.3	...	4.7
227	133	Body Shop	223	-2	1.6	1.0	25.7
15½	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	...	...	0.7	...
401	318	Brown (N)	374	+1	6.0	2.1	23.2
94	64½	Burton	79	½	...	3.4	...
145	126	Cassons	144	+3	...	3.5	19.1
330	295	Church	313	+3	12.5	5.3	...
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.2	3.6	...
243	210	Coats Viyella	234	+4	...	4.2	25.2
106	78	Colourwindow	90	...	...	...	15.2
464	374	Courts Furnish	463	...	5.0	1.4	23.2
155	115	Crown Eye	140	...	...	5.7	6.5
108	88	Daisy Plant Ind	98	-1	...	3.0	...
82	51½	Dawtons (D)	61	...	0.7	1.6	20.3
281	203	Dixons Grp	205	...	6.0	2.9	24.1
387	320	Dunhill	339	...	7.7	3.0	11.7
21	12½	EBA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Ellys (Wmbldn)	490	...	18.0	5.3	8.9
115	71	Estate Farm	99	...	...	3.7	16.8
226	205	Exam	205	...	6.5	4.3	18.4
562	499	Fine Art Dev	553	-6	11.0	2.7	21.2
50	20	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
50	24	French Conns	50	...	...	...	...
90	63	Gabbicraft	47	+1	2.0	...	9.4
65	43	Gent Sir	52	...	2.0	5.1	15.3
41	23	Goldentex Gp	37	...	2.0	...	...
2650	2650	GUS	2645	...	40.0	2.0	21.1
1728	1593	-do- 'A'	1583	...	40.0	3.4	12.6
34	24	Hampden Grp	30	...	...	3.6	...
277	123	Harrisons	127	-8	4.8	5.1	7.8
29	16	Helene Plc	25	+½	2.0	11.3	...
92	49	Heritage	89	...	...	...	...
58	35	Honeysuckle	51	...	...	2.6	7.2
138	128	Ilse of Lerose	138	+2	10.1	7.6	...
68	63	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	3.2	...
582	496	Kingfisher	576	+9	...	1.2	16.3
74	65½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.6	14.4
685	495	Liberty	550	-20	7.2	1.3	48.4
265	205	Lloyds Chem	259	...	7.0	2.7	20.2
152	128	MFI	128	...	...	3.9	17.1
360	340	Marks Spencer	344	+6	7.1	2.8	20.9
470	445	Mercier (John)	470	+1	10.0	2.8	15.8
154	136	Moss Bros	151	...	4.0	2.6	12.1
176	139½	Next	172	...	...	...	...
25	15	Oliver (G)	22	...	...	...	...
250	213	Ortlieme Intl	220	...	...	5.5	14.3
45	35	Pentos	39	...	1.5	4.1	...
315	255	QC Hldgs	296	...	5.1	2.4	...
19	12	Reners Group	18	...	...	2.4	17.8
35	30	Rhino Grps	30	...	...	...	...
182	137	Sherwood Gp	155	...	...	...	...
109	93	Sears	100	...	...	4.7	27.5
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	430	...	13.4	4.4	14.4
6½	4½	Specialeyes	6½	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	201	+3	5.0	3.3	...
191	158	T & S Stores	172	+3	5.5	4.3	11.2
107	71	The Sock	103	+1	3.0	3.0	...
118	61	Time Products	203	...	9.0	4.7	19.8
100	83	Usher (Frank)	98	...	...	6.8	7.7
42	22	Vinyl	36	...	1.0	3.7	...
45	36	Wensums	39	...	...	...	6.9
104	78	Wicks	103	-1	...	...	45.7
58	45	Wid of Leathers	56	-2	...	...	...
180	146	Wyevale	180	+7	...	3.0	...
3½	2½	Rim-Vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

BREWERIES

646	538	Allied-Lyons	580	-4	20.0	4.6	13.5
647	533	Bass	595	+9	18.9	4.5	12.1
258	199	Boddingtons	249	+1	7.3	3.0	16.5
409	362	Bulmer (HP)	405	+6	9.0	3.0	18.6
159	128	Burtonwood Brw	142	+1	4.4	4.2	10.4
304	261	Devenish (JA)	304	+2	7.8	3.4	17.1
98½	75	Eldridge P'Ale	94	...	...	4.8	23.8
6p	5½	Fosters Brewing	5p	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	360	+10	...	2.5	15.1
437	417	Grand Met	432	-1	12.3	3.8	14.3
403	394	Greenalls Grp	399	-1	11.3	2.8	14.6
543	503	Greene King	536	+1	11.6	2.7	14.6
516	440	Guinness	498	-1	...	1.1	33.2
281	230	Hardy Hanson	265	...	7.9	4.3	13.6
113	108	Homepress	108	...	3.0	2.8	25.9
78	74	-do- 'A' Nv	74	...	3.0	4.1	18.7
285	256	Highland Dist	282	+13	6.0	2.8	18.7
3125	2538	Holt J	3088	+38	35.0	1.5	21.5
55	30	Hoskins Brew	47	...	...	...	13.8
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	288	...	7.0	3.5	...
168	148	Macallan-Glen	163	-1	8.0	0.7	...
462	390	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	8.8	30.2
725	655	Mansfield	725	+5	15.6	2.5	15.8
263	231	Marston Thmp	253	...	5.9	2.4	14.3
356	312	Matthew Clark	322	...	15.7	5.0	12.7
330	285	Murphys W	273	...	...	3.0	19.7
490	455	Morland	458	...	...	2.4	18.5
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	2.4	11.6
950	768	SA Breweries	905	-45	...	3.1	...
482½	408	Scot & Newc	475	+2	16.1	4.5	12.9
198	181	Tannkin Cider	194	...	...	4.3	18.1
241	213	Vaux Group	241	+4	9.3	5.2	16.8
268	228	Wetherspoon JD	258	...	...	2.5	20.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	455	-3	16.9	5.0	28.7
1180	950	-do- 'B'	950	...	16.9	2.4	26.7
613	561	Wolverhmpton D	602	-3	11.4	2.5	16.9
515	488	Young 'A'	488	-2	14.5	4.0	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

110	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
25	13	Albrightzonc	19	-2	...	...	...
106	60	Allens	100	-2	...	6.7	10.8
94	65	Amec	85	...	3.0	4.8	...
6	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead	176	...	4.1	3.1	21.8
143	113	Ashwoods	115	+2	5.0	5.9	16.4
238	185	BPB Ind	207	-5	...	4.8	52.6
50	37	Baggeridge Brk	46	...	...	3.1	5.5
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Cnp	28	...	...	1.2	2.2
101	75	Barrons	75	...	...	2.0	2.3
136	94	Barratt Devs	108	...	...	11.5	4.0
390	305	Bellway	388	...	...	...	...
32	25	Bellwinch	23	...	...	2.1	26.1
378	295	Berkeley Gp	376	+3	...	...	2.4
63	45	Bett Bros	59	...	3.3	...	45.7
280	215	Blockleys	246	+5	11.2	6.6	22.9
240	189	Blue Circle	229	...	...	2.6	15.2
230	201	Boot (Henry)	226	-4	4.6	8.2	...
108	78	Brendon PLC	78	...	...	9.8	13.1
106	82	Br Dredging	101	...	7.4	...	...
60	45	Brh Fittings	52	+2	5.3	10.2	27.2
130	99	Bryant	127	...	2.3	...	...
63	53	CALA	57	...	...	3.6	...
256	205	CRH	256	-2	...	...	...
43	23	Cakebread Rby	29	-6	...	...	...
37	23	Cossars	30	...	4.1	4.6	31.7
123	90	Countryside	120	...	1.1	0.8	...
60	38	Crest Nicholson	59	...	...	...	...
28	28	Cussins	28	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunstone	2½	...	0.3	3.0	...
25	10½	Edmond Hdgs	18	...	...	4.9	14.8
187	178	Epwin	42	...	2.0	...	...
47	32	Erith	42	...	...	3.8	12.1
338	252	Eve Group	335	...	9.6	...	20.0
30	24	Everard Bardon	27	...	...	...	...
6	4½	Expamet	6	-1	...	...	...
174	97	Freeman Gp	170	...	4.3	...	15.7
50	36	Galliford	49	-2	...	...	...
78	73	Gibbs & Dandy	73	...	...	12.7	2.3
698	695	Gleeson (M)	753	...	...	3.1	4.1
110	90	Hewden-Stuart	103	+1	...	2.6	...
28	28	Hewetson	28	...	...	12.5	7.0
208	186	Heywd Wtm	208	-2	...	9.0	...
69	37	Higgs & Hill	53	...	...	2.5	...
37	27	Hoor Gp	33	...	...	6.0	3.9
35	17	Howard Hdgs	17	...	...	6.0	...
14	10	Hunlock Johnson	55	...	...	0.5	...
21	18	Jarvis	18	...	...	9.0	5.3
147	140	Kier Gp	225	+1	4.5	4.8	23.0
14	9	Laing (J)	11	...	...	...	9.1
83	55	Ln Clydesdale	80	...	...	9.0	3.9
21½	10½	Lovell (T)	20½	...	...	2.2	4.6
298	260	Manders	294	...	...	6.2	...
124	93	Marley	122	...	...	9.4	23.8
74	61	Marshalls	71	-1	4.9	5.3	11.4
130	122	Maunders (J)	129	...	...	5.5	27.5
180	96	McAlpine (A)	33	...	...	0.5	8.1
35	23	McCarthy & S					

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
203	100	Rede	185	...	5.5	4.0	...
46	16	Laser-Scan	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LMS	361	-4	...	...	...
300	240	Lrc Refrig	265	-3	9.0	4.6	...
170	152	Lilo Selected	152	...	3.5	3.1	16.5
211	164	Logica	208	...	3.6	2.3	24.5
54	45	LPA Ind	45	...	...	10.4	12.7
212	187	MK Data Magnet	188	...	4.3	3.1	17.0
663	523	Macro 4	663	+5	...	2.6	22.3
604½	527	Memrtec Sns	572	+1	...	2.1	18.8
3013	2180	Micro Focus	2180	-105	...	...	20.1
227	188	Microgen	207	-1	9.2	4.7	14.1
34½	24	Microvitec	30½	+2½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	495	...	6.1	1.6	22.6
151	98	Mitel	149	-1	...	...	...
138	111	MMT Comps	115	...	...	2.1	14.6
27	19	Molyns	19	...	4.0	28.1	1.8
272	202	MTL Instr	218	...	...	2.2	...
165	135	Multitone Elect	136	...	3.0	2.9	16.7
149	116	Murray Enter	145	...	1.8	1.8	...
6412½	5425	NYNEX	6150	+137½	...	...	...
188	140	Neurosales	178	-4	2.6	1.9	22.0
103	80	Newmark (L)	80	...	...	...	...
99	58	Norbaina	99	+3	...	1.3	14.8
42	28	Northamber	38	...	0.5	1.8	...
15½	9	Osmonics	11½	...	...	...	7.3
243	195	Oxford Inst	240	-2	4.3	2.4	16.2
78	48	P-E Interntl	58	+1	1.0	2.3	...
97	29	P & P	86	-1	1.4	2.8	35.0
180	88	Penn	170	...	3.4	2.0	28.3
9	5	Pegasus	9	...	...	...	...
9000	9000	Phillips Pet 4%	9000	...	...	44.4	403.5
1050	725	-do- Lmp Gp	900	...	...	5.4	...
452	343	Pilkn	435	...	7.7	2.6	30.8
246	197	Psitronics	240	...	7.7	3.2	35.0
80	80	Plusnacce	80	-4	...	...	...
104	78	Pressac	91	-2	2.4	3.5	18.4
125	103	Psion	113	...	...	3.0	...
6½	4½	Farmigan	6½	...	...	...	...
211	160	Racal Elec	210	...	1.5	1.0	24.9
48	45	Radamec	45	...	0.5	1.5	20.4
70	43	Raithns	57	...	...	6.3	19.7
62	41	Real Time	48	+1	...	5.9	6.2
28	18	Rhos	24	...	...	...	...
610	488	Sage Gp	589	...	9.0	2.0	18.9
60	49	Scantronic	59	...	2.9	6.7	18.6
142	126	Scholes Grp	126	-1	5.0	5.3	24.8
401	318	Scot Gp	397	+2	2.8	1.3	...
104	86	Silverstone	97	...	...	...	...
48	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.7	14.8
2300	1737½	TDK	2300	...	...	1.3	23.0

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Masterrust	112.30	120.10	-1.10	1.12
International	83.91	88.83	-0.33	1.11
Dividend Gth	57.03	60.67	+0.04	4.94
Global Gth Sec	60.81	64.69	+0.21	2.84
Ethical Growth	64.49	68.60	+0.30	2.76
High Inc Equity	149.90	159.00†	-1.90	5.35
Worldwide Bond	260.90	276.70	-1.50	4.32
Gilts Fixed Int	130.40	138.20†	+1.00	6.15
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 8801				
Amer Inc Gth	42.83	45.21	-0.38	1.87
European	79.46	84.22	-0.47	...
European Inc	76.12	80.86†	-0.61	1.86
Exempt	890.60	919.60	-0.10	3.34
Extra Inc	42.22	45.89†	-0.07	5.48
F East Emerg Ec	79.88	86.14	+0.03	0.75
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	369.70	395.20†	...	4.20
Equity Inc	207.50	221.80†	...	4.11
High Yield	232.80	248.80	...	4.18
Balanced	653.30	675.90	...	2.77
American Inc	48.56	51.91	...	3.29
Wld Asset Val	38.11	40.73	...	2.01
Japan	164.50	175.30	...	0.01
Secs of Am	418.70	445.70	...	0.43
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	310.50	330.40	-0.50	2.88
-do- Inc	223.50	236.80	-0.40	2.88
Higher Inc Acc	564.80	600.90	-1.30	3.87
-do- Inc	348.30	370.60	-0.90	3.87
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.30	185.10†	...	6.46
-do- Inc	91.89	97.06†	+0.01	6.46
Nth America	258.10	274.60	-0.30	...
Far East	271.00	288.30	-0.70	0.20
Europe	316.80	330.70†	-3.50	1.06
General Inc	419.40	446.20†	-0.20	2.55
-do- Acc	460.60	490.00†	-0.20	2.55
Brit Excell	62.93	66.95	-1.04	2.89
Brit Fndmntls Inc	65.52	69.71†	-1.12	5.17
Brit Fndmntls Acc	85.45	89.94†	-1.46	5.17
Global Opps	70.12	74.60	-0.84	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.60	112.90†	...	3.11
Euro Gth Inc	113.10	119.90	...	1.01
Extra Inc	104.80	112.10	...	5.28
General	236.20	252.60†	...	3.43
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.80	59.77†	...	8.95
Income	473.00	505.90	...	4.93
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	91.71	97.42	+0.35	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	118.40	127.00	+1.30	..
Convertibles	51.99	55.60†	...	7.40
Eastern	169.70	182.80	-1.10	1.70
Equity Income	81.17	86.35	+0.01	5.50
European Gth	227.60	242.10	-1.90	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	149.10	159.00	-1.50	2.00
Exempt	81.82	84.04	+0.88	3.80
German Growth	54.81	58.50	-0.39	0.80
Global Growth	107.30	114.40	...	...
Japan Growth	174.10	186.70	+0.70	...
Japan Sunrise	150.70	161.00	-0.40	...
Portfolio	115.90	124.00†	+0.10	3.40
-do- Acc	206.80	221.30†	+0.20	3.40
UK Growth	79.26	84.31	+0.46	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	79.78	85.32	+0.32	2.00
Select Managers	62.36	66.92†	-0.28	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.19	110.37	+0.08	2.39
-do- Inc	93.81	100.33†	+0.07	2.39
Global Bond	29.15	30.92	-0.05	5.30
High Yield Acc	51.75	55.35	-0.04	4.12
-do- Inc	37.56	40.17†	-0.03	4.12
Smlr Cos Acc	87.13	93.19	+0.31	1.81
-do- Inc	80.58	86.18	+0.28	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	59.25	63.37	+0.39	...
-do- Inc	58.14	62.16	+0.39	...
Euro Gth Acc	94.94	101.56	-0.68	1.27
-do- Inc	93.66	100.17†	-0.67	1.27
Mngd P folio	34.18	36.56†	-0.02	1.37
Pacific Growth	88.95	95.13	-0.16	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.66	91.62	-0.48	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	118.10	125.80†	+1.00	3.53
Smaller Cos Acc	273.80	293.00	-1.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	160.30	171.60†	-1.00	1.34
High Inc	69.92	75.16†	+0.08	7.34
Income	124.10	132.80†	-2.10	4.37
Mngd P folio Inc	91.44	97.38	-0.04	2.14
-do- Acc	172.80	184.00	-0.10	...
North American	102.60	109.20	-0.90	0.20
Orient	110.70	119.40	+0.70	...
Recovery	37.07	39.86	-0.01	2.96
German	42.62	45.69	-0.38	0.09
Intl Growth	32.18	34.28	+0.02	0.23
European Inc	22.49	24.19	-0.19	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.54	66.54†	-0.15	1.05
-do- Acc	70.50	75.01	-0.17	1.05
Income Fund S	213.80	227.50	+0.10	3.97
-do- Acc	486.10	517.20	+0.20	4.00
Inv Portfolio	63.98	68.41	+0.21	1.96
-do- Acc	75.62	78.37	+0.23	1.96
Smaller Cos	121.20	129.00	-0.10	1.92
-do- Acc	145.70	155.00	-0.10	1.99
High Inc P folio	59.44	61.60	-0.12	4.58
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sbi Gilt Fxd Int	66.19	67.09†	+0.08	5.99
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.90	142.50	...	1.78
UK Growth	145.00	154.30	+0.30	2.27
UK Income	120.60	128.30†	-3.50	4.56
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	77.80	83.21†	-0.40	1.10
Growth	44.11	47.18	-0.11	3.03
Income	53.81	56.69	-0.21	4.29
Far East	44.47	47.56†	-0.14	0.18
North American	81.37	87.49†	+0.67	0.01
Global	81.01	86.64†	+0.47	0.75
European	68.00	72.93†	-0.08	1.72
Japan	100.10	107.10	+0.60	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.70	61.13†	-1.44	5.25
UK Cap Gwth	77.43	82.81†	-0.31	2.04

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
55 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	130.60	139.00†	-0.30	0.14
-do- Acc	139.10	148.00	-0.30	0.14
European	65.45	69.32	-0.35	1.03
-do- Acc	67.84	71.85	-0.37	1.03
Far East Gen	58.01	61.72†	+1.69	...
-do- Acc	58.01	61.72	+1.69	...
Glentrlass	247.40	263.20†	-0.10	0.93
-do- Acc	278.50	296.30	-0.10	0.93
Growth	372.60	398.60†	+0.20	2.65
-do- Acc	637.90	682.30	+0.30	2.65
Income Growth	371.80	395.60	+0.10	4.06
-do- Acc	494.30	525.90	+0.10	4.06
Master Portfolio	9375.0	9705.0	+31.00	2.73
-do- Acc	10798.0	11178.0	+36.00	2.73
Special Sits	84.99	90.42	+0.18	2.56
-do- Acc	99.46	105.81	+0.22	2.56
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1328.0	1363.0	...	4.49
-do- Acc	1395.0	1439.0	-1.00	4.49
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050, Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	191.70	204.10	-1.40	1.49
Capital	532.10	567.80	+4.20	2.35
Eurotrack 100	127.30	135.50	-1.00	1.53
Euro Gth	79.19	84.30	-0.36	1.38
Far East Growth	82.30	87.83	-0.83	0.15
Global Bond	23.15	24.40	-0.09	5.86
Hong Kong	71.08	75.85†	-0.66	0.99
Income	506.00	540.00	-0.30	4.46
Intl Growth	71.98	76.81	+0.14	0.99
Japan Growth	238.70	254.70	+5.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	29.24	31.20	+0.27	...
Japan Index	70.33	75.05	+2.42	0.33
Nth American	425.30	453.80	-3.30	0.95
S pore Mly Gth	47.64	50.84	-0.23	...
The Footsie Fd	107.80	113.80	+0.20	2.59
Tiger Index	131.00	139.60	-0.40	0.71
Trixie Index	101.30	108.10†	+0.10	2.66
UK Index	122.50	130.70	+0.20	2.98
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.54	88.24	-0.96	1.00
European P folio	71.36	75.79†	-0.94	1.38
Japanese P folio	57.47	61.00	+0.88	...
Pacific P folio	91.22	98.09	-1.56	2.43
Cazenove P folio	69.47	74.30	+0.06	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.13	67.68†	+0.06	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.63	51.29	+0.16	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	604.15	609.40	...	4.74
Fixed Int	155.70	156.45	...	9.27
Deposit	5.80	...	5.93	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	596.47	600.35	...	4.98
-do- Acc	2297.9	2316.6	...	...
Deposit	5.75	...	5.93	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.15	127.21	...	9.12
-do- Acc	166.55	166.88	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.46	65.75	...	2.46
Beckman Ind	81.09	85.87†	...	3.30
Friars Hse Inc	177.18	190.52	...	6.50
Friars Hse Cap	246.20	264.73	...	2.93
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	37.21	39.59	+0.40	...
Managed	61.65	65.58	+0.13	2.94
-do- Acc	74.44	79.19	+0.14	2.94
Smaller Cos	32.79	34.88	-0.03	2.24
-do- Acc	36.95	39.31	-0.03	2.24
UK General	68.44	72.81	+0.01	2.72
-do- Acc	82.05	87.29	+0.01	2.72
Wwide Bd	62.20	66.07†	-0.31	6.60
-do- Acc	80.00	84.99	-0.39	6.60
Wwide Sp Sits	54.62	58.42	-0.12	0.19
-do- Acc	56.90	60.86	-0.12	0.19
Quilter General	119.31	126.93†	-0.05	2.77
-do- Acc	132.57	141.03	-0.06	2.77
Quilter Income	92.47	98.37†	+0.13	4.41
-do- Acc	113.96	121.23	+0.15	4.41
Quilter Intl	125.27	133.27	-0.71	0.74
-do- Acc	127.00	135.11	-0.72	0.74
Quilter UK Spec	67.73	72.05	-0.48	2.61
-do- Acc	89.59	95.31	-0.64	2.61
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.46	91.46†	+0.01	5.63
-do- Acc	91.46	91.46†	+0.01	5.63
Fin Property	100.86	107.30	+0.28	1.53
Fixed Conv	40.88	43.49	+0.05	8.23
-do- Acc	106.83	113.65	+0.15	8.23
Equity Inc	146.41	155.75	+0.15	4.04
-do- Acc	469.98	499.98	+0.50	4.04
High Yield	117.86	125.38†	+0.23	5.32
-do- Acc	445.62	474.06	+0.87	5.32
Preference	45.53	48.44†	-0.64	8.29
-do- Acc	233.81	248.73	+0.17	8.29
PPT Europe	147.80	157.23†	-1.39	1.18
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.18	50.19†	+0.11	8.95
PPT Global Bnd	81.68	86.74†	-0.39	5.47
PPT Gold Com	51.23	54.50†	-0.29	...
PPT Oriental Gth	53.26	56.66†	-0.01	1.02
PPT Far East Gth	96.88	103.06†	+0.08	0.47
PPT Japan	106.04	112.81†	-1.56	...
PPT N Amer	150.25	159.84†	-0.45	0.01
PPT UK Gth	115.43	122.80	-0.03	2.22
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	73.36	78.04	-0.99	1.01
Japanese Acc	55.34	58.87	+0.62	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.50	133.50	+0.40	2.51
-do- Acc	146.50	155.90	+0.50	2.51
UK Growth Acc	206.20	219.40	+0.70	2.30
UK High Inc	133.70	142.20	-0.30	6.68
-do- Acc	157.80	167.90	-0.40	6.68
N America Acc	112.40	119.60	-0.80	0.32
European Acc	150.70	160.30	-1.70	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.52	64.21	-0.36	8.80
-do- Acc	97.67	103.60	+0.50	8.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.42	49.38	+0.01	.27
Environmntl Opp	70.94	75.47	+0.03	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.30	129.50	-0.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	184.90	196.50	-0.40	1.27
Eurofund	37.28	39.46	-0.31	1.01
Mngd Exempt	165.50	172.50	+0.50	3.04
Growth Inc	211.60	224.80†	+0.50	4.00
High Dist	137.40	146.00	+1.30	5.92
International	315.10	334.80	-0.60	0.97
Intl Income	80.19	85.80†	-0.06	3.04
Pacific	54.05	57.43	-0.27	0.52
Smllr Jap Cos	59.66	63.39	+0.65	...
Tokyo	182.60	194.00	+5.20	...
Japan Exempt	100.80	108.50	+3.90	0.48
Sm Jap Exempt	494.20	507.70	+3.90	0.10

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	125.90	133.80	-1.00	0.23
Australia	6.958	7.393	-0.357	1.08
Equity	184.30	195.80	+0.90	4.36
Euro Spec Sits	141.50	149.70	-0.70	0.58
Financial	39.35	41.81	-0.30	2.00
Global Opps Inc	86.54	91.95	-1.58	2.19
-do- Acc	89.70	95.31	-1.60	2.19
Gold Gen Inc	43.31	46.02	+0.41	0.95
-do- Acc	82.63	87.79	+0.77	0.95
Income	119.60	127.10	+0.50	4.86
Japan General	139.50	148.10	+1.10	...
Preference	21.40	22.74	-0.76	7.98
UK Capital	102.40	108.80	+0.10	3.10
Worldwide Cap	195.50	207.70	+0.90	3.10
World Income	83.13	88.33	-0.70	3.44
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7281				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	-2.30	1.13
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.83	110.35	+0.11	3.38
High Income	120.83	127.19	+0.37	4.93
Tst of Inv Tsts	139.94	147.30	+0.27	2.12
Special Sits	83.13	87.50	-0.17	2.97
North American	104.99	110.52	-1.39	1.15
Far Eastern	218.03	229.50	-2.16	1.59
Intl Growth	89.72	94.44†	-1.06	1.48
European	62.68	65.99	-0.82	2.32
Smaller Cos	70.11	73.80	+0.18	2.28
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	222.40	236.60	...	3.68
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.80
European Tst	111.60	118.70	-0.50	...
High Income	24.54	25.82†	-0.09	5.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.61	98.04	-0.63	0.88
Far Eastern	126.20	134.90	+0.60	...
Oseas Income	88.68	95.27	-0.32	2.76
UK Growth	91.98	98.37	+0.43	1.32
UK Income	101.00	108.00	-0.10	3.88
US Smaller Cos	236.10	252.90	+1.20	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	420.90	450.10	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	430.00	459.80	+0.80	...
Capital	280.10	297.80	+0.20	2.12
-do- Acc	390.10	414.90	+0.30	2.12
Contl Smllr Cos	46.75	50.28	-0.36	1.10
-do- Acc	48.37	52.02	-0.37	1.10
Convertible	109.60	116.50	+0.10	6.50
-do- Acc	203.00	215.90	+0.20	6.50
European	98.21	102.70	-0.80	1.16
-do- Acc	99.41	106.10	-0.80	1.16
Extra Income	286.70	304.90	...	4.37
-do- Acc	401.50	427.00	+0.10	4.37
Financial	105.00	112.70	-0.10	0.81
-do- Acc	109.20	117.20	-0.30	0.81
Health Fund Inc	107.70	115.00	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	107.70	115.00	+1.20	...
Income Tst	176.60	187.80	-0.20	4.01
-do- Acc	246.20	261.80	-0.40	4.01
Intl Growth	301.50	322.00	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	334.80	357.50	-0.80	...
Japan Gen	152.80	163.30	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	154.40	165.00	+0.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.48	93.13	-0.04	1.09
-do- Acc	92.75	97.43	-0.04	1.09
Monthly Income	145.00	154.20	-0.90	4.52
Recovery	285.00	304.70	-1.00	0.84
-do- Acc	333.80	356.90	-1.10	0.84
Gilt Gth Tst	60.71	62.60	+0.37	7.09
-do- Acc	78.40	80.85	+0.48	7.09
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	347.46	369.64	+0.99	3.02
-do- Acc	701.56	746.34	+1.19	3.02
Euro Gth Dist	103.94	110.57	-0.91	0.85
-do- Acc	107.04	113.87	-0.94	0.85
Fixed Int Dist	130.53	138.07†	+1.47	6.58
-do- Acc	219.26	231.92†	+2.48	6.58
Intl Gth Dist	74.14	78.87	-0.23	0.82
-do- Acc	76.69	81.59	-0.23	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	168.82	178.85	-1.61	0.74
-do- Acc	183.08	193.96	-1.74	0.74
Pac Basin Dist	224.82	239.17	-0.10	0.36
-do- Acc	228.36	242.94	-0.11	0.36
Stewardship Dist	297.91	316.93	+0.48	1.94
-do- Acc	352.45	374.96	+0.56	1.94
Stwd Inc Dist	61.77	65.71	+0.24	3.83
-do- Acc	75.69	80.52	+0.30	3.83
N Am Stwd Dist	98.62	104.92	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	104.33	110.99	-1.38	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.30	146.90	-0.10	...
European	390.00	413.70†	-2.70	1.00
Far East General	198.00	211.80	+1.20	0.12
Germany	98.56	104.30	-0.80	0.43
Global Assets In	65.88	70.34	+0.08	2.29
Global Assetr Ac	69.02	73.70	+0.09	2.26
Income Inc	110.00	117.70†	+0.80	7.43
International	251.30	268.60†	+0.20	1.03
Intl Income	76.39	81.23	-0.27	4.85
Japan General	331.60	352.40	-0.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.32	48.47	+0.17	6.37
UK Capital Inc	154.40	165.20	+0.10	4.17
-do- Acc	264.20	282.60	+0.10	4.10
Uk Spec Sits	70.91	75.84	+1.39	1.89
US General	112.60	119.90	+0.20	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	111.20	119.00	+0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Service: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.91	45.89	-0.11	1.26
Cash Trust*	127.93	127.93	+0.01	5.14
Pract Inv Inc	100.46	107.73†	+0.42	4.19
-do- Acc	215.65	231.26†	+0.89	4.19
UK Smaller Cos	97.64	104.71	+0.02	1.53
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.13	26.88	+0.04	8.22
High Inc	30.96	33.11	-0.24	5.38
UK Equity Inc	127.66	136.53	-0.55	4.01
Global Bond	29.15	30.21†	-0.11	5.69
International Funds				
Gold Intl	69.81	74.86	-0.66	1.56
Frontier Markets	39.51	42.37†	-0.32	0.24
Global Inc Gth	118.67	126.72	-0.46	2.28
UK Intl	108.03	115.54	+0.37	0.70
Overseas Funds				
American	129.41	138.02	-0.07	0.54
European	79.78	84.61†	-0.32	0.80
Euro Sel Opps	91.51	97.52	-0.46	1.31
American Emerg	78.04	83.69	+0.29	...
Hong Kong	103.79	111.30†	-0.53	2.15
Japan	193.74	206.16	+3.13	...
Pacific Growth	138.04	148.03	-0.76	0.50

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 580 8526				
Intl Growth	120.56	128.95	-1.27	0.37
American Gth	120.43	128.80	-1.21	...
Europe Gth	68.69	73.40	-0.63	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	71.17	76.12	+0.90	...
Pacific Inc	126.18	134.95	-2.79	2.85
Pacific Strategy	103.53	110.73	-2.40	0.25
UK Prog Inc	75.07	79.12	-0.23	4.61
Gt British Cos	48.25	50.88	+0.31	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.66	46.69	-1.15	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9666				
Cash	130.50	130.50	...	4.88
Gilt Fixed	118.60	125.80	...	6.55
Growth Equity	282.30	301.60	...	2.10
Guardhill	418.70	447.30	...	2.36
Income Trust	106.90	114.20	...	3.43
International	152.30	162.70†	...	0.36
Japan Trust	112.00	119.60	...	...
Nth American	257.40	274.90	...	0.45
Pacific	349.50	373.30	...	...
European	339.00	362.10	...	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 488, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.50	36.57	+0.10	1.74
-do- Acc	36.10	38.27	+0.10	1.74
Inc Adv Inc	29.46	31.23†	-0.10	4.10
-do- Acc	30.62	32.46	+0.10	4.10
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	70.07	75.06	-1.02	0.97
Equity Income	113.10	120.30†	+0.30	3.52
European	130.90	138.60†	-1.00	0.87
Intl Situation	73.20	77.87	-0.56	...
Japanese	128.30	136.60	+2.10	...
North American	100.20	106.30	-2.00	0.06
Scandinavian	102.30	108.10	-1.30	0.47
Smaller Cos	29.63	31.52	-0.02	2.22
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.80	94.96	+0.16	...
Asian Enterprise	115.38	124.54	+0.23	0.87
Australian	129.72	138.66†	-2.02	1.35
European	359.31	380.67	-1.04	1.08
European Inc	68.34	72.27	-0.22	3.06
Euro Smll Co	120.99	128.86	-0.45	0.71
Extra Income	256.13	272.66†	-0.18	5.52
Family of Funds	67.84	72.45	+0.17	1.46
Fixed Interest	55.24	59.08†	+0.21	8.60
Global Resour	88.61	95.11	+0.01	1.02
High Inc	280.26	299.59	+0.06	4.85
Income Gth	233.25	248.40	+0.05	4.19
-do- Acc	586.96	625.10	+0.12	4.19
International	220.63	234.83†	-0.07	0.96
Japan Spe Sit	203.42	216.34	+0.70	...
Japan	178.44	189.68	+2.40	...
N Amer	224.63	238.98	-0.05	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	164.14	176.64†	-0.23	0.63
Pref Gilt	46.36	50.38	+0.02	8.65
Smaller Cos Div	156.57	170.66	-0.52	5.15
Special Sits	249.27	266.71†	-0.77	2.20
-do- Acc	384.10	410.98†	-0.03	2.20
Best of British	54.80	58.77	-0.24	2.91
Spirit of the East	54.07	57.88†	+0.34	0.69
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	87.55	93.63	-0.82	2.32
Capital	153.60	164.20	-1.40	1.97
Dollar	306.10	327.30	-3.30	0.17
European	190.50	203.70	-2.80	0.55
Far East	220.90	236.20	-4.90	0.64
Financial	652.30	697.60†	-4.80	2.54
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.85	26.85	-0.06	7.99
High Yield	98.65	105.50	-0.20	4.94
Income	133.80	142.00	-1.30	3.49
Intl	207.40	221.80	-2.10	0.36
Japan Tech	62.53	66.87	-0.43	...
Nat Resources	55.71	59.58	-0.95	0.79
Security	292.10	312.40†	-2.90	2.11
Smaller Cos	105.80	111.00†	-2.40	1.64
Special Sits	133.50	142.70†	-1.90	2.08
US Smaller Cos	63.69	68.11	-0.42	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	243.70	255.50	+1.10	1.41
Capital Gwth	99.24	104.50	...	2.53
Inv Trusts	124.50	131.10	...	0.72
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.11	25.38	+0.03	1.63
Special Features	26.44	28.09†	+0.08	1.45
-do- Acc	31.26	33.21†	+0.09	1.44
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.34	56.04	+0.03	1.92
Assets Earnings	70.03	74.40	+0.06	1.84
do Acc	82.30	87.44	+0.08	1.84
Managed Invest	82.89	88.54	+0.03	1.23
Expert Children	75.05	80.02	+0.09	1.65
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.30	50.30†	...	4.63
Extra Inc	77.50	82.88	-0.12	4.57
Gilt	27.98	29.45	+0.11	6.56
Income Gth	38.38	41.03	+0.04	3.51
Milestar	76.90	78.69	+0.10	7.72
Preference	17.61	19.29†	...	6.19
UK Income	300.10	320.70†	-0.70	3.09
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.64	58.26	+0.06	1.31
Property Shares	57.22	60.79†	-0.34	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.40	147.60	+0.30	3.57
European Acc	108.40	114.90	-0.80	1.74
European Dist	103.20	109.40	-0.80	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.89	52.03†	-0.05	0.98
European Perf	104.90	111.30	-0.80	1.09
-do- Acc	106.90	113.40	-0.80	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.43	21.77	-0.13	0.74
French Growth	67.76	72.18	-0.63	0.40
-do- Acc	72.39	77.11	-0.67	0.40
Hong K/China	64.58	69.48	-0.08	1.37
Intl Growth	49.10	52.16	...	0.76
-do- Acc	49.10	52.16	...	0.76
Japan Perf	30.20	32.07	+0.34	...
Accum Units	30.20	32.07	+0.34	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.30	34.31	+0.28	...
Singapore Asean	68.97	74.67	+0.12	0.44
-do- Acc	69.40	75.13	+0.12	0.44
South East Asia	204.60	220.90†	-0.30	1.10
US Smllr Cos	105.90	112.50	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	107.00	113.60	-1.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.63	87.02	-0.40	2.56
Intl Bond	56.40	57.16†	-0.13	6.29
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.98	69.32†	...	5.35
Extra Income	51.29	54.36†	...	7.06
Gilt Yield	119.00	125.90†	...	7.98
Global Income	193.60	206.00	...	4.15
High Yield	129.10	137.30†	...	6.39

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Smllr Cos Div	45.48	48.38	...	4.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.95	95.69	...	...
North American	75.93	80.78	...	0.43
European	127.40	135.50	...	0.50
Euro Special	75.91	80.76	...	1.00
General	265.40	282.30	...	3.37
Japan	362.70	385.80	...	...
Japanese Special	192.60	205.10†	...	...
Master Acc	213.40	227.00	...	1.45
Pacific	244.40	260.00	...	0.51
Smaller Cos	94.96	101.00	...	2.29
UK Equity Gth	33.57	35.71	...	2.77
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.71	77.35	-0.78	0.50
Extra Income	23.79	25.31†	-0.17	3.50
Far East	24.44	26.00†	-0.36	0.97
Income Gwth	71.48	76.04†	-0.60	3.07
Intl Growth	49.89	53.07†	-0.57	0.88
Japan	56.60	60.21	-0.16	...
Maximum Dist*	100.70	102.70	...	7.36
N Amer Equity	39.92	42.47	-0.43	0.48
UK Equity	85.70	91.17	...	3.19
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	32.56	35.92	-0.03	4.76
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.10	444.80†	-0.30	2.91
Equity Acc	793.60	844.30	-0.60	2.91
Equity Income	90.32	96.08†	-0.39	5.14
European	93.88	99.87	-1.33	1.71
Far Eastern	167.30	178.00	-1.00	0.33
Fixed Interest	51.14	54.40†	-0.11	7.40
Gilt	92.41	98.00	+0.59	7.00
Global Growth	63.39	67.44	-0.61	0.77
Intl Bond	55.56	59.11†	-0.33	5.00
Japanese	62.82	66.83	+0.81	...
Overseas Equity	92.14	98.02	-0.79	0.81
Pacific Gth	78.86	83.89†	-1.20	1.34
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.70	332.70	+0.50	2.94
-do- Acc	677.20	720.50	+1.10	2.94
Contl Euro Gth	50.50	53.16	-0.67	1.36
-do- Acc	53.40	56.22	-0.69	1.36
Extra Inc	237.70	252.90	+0.50	4.02
-do- Acc	578.10	615.00	+1.20	4.02
German Gth	100.30	105.60	-1.60	0.34
-do- Acc	105.10	110.70	-1.70	0.34
Growth Port	478.90	509.50	+0.50	1.96
-do- Acc	478.90	509.50	+0.50	1.96
Income	445.40	473.90	+0.80	3.80
-do- Acc	1128.0	1201.0	+16.00	3.80
Income Port	485.20	516.20	+0.70	5.39
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20	+0.70	5.39
Japan Growth	86.98	92.54	+2.01	0.01
-do- Acc	87.29	92.87	+2.02	0.01
Master Trust	50.88	54.13	-0.13	1.64
-do- Acc	55.33	58.87	-0.15	1.64
N American Gen	182.90	194.60	+0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	211.30	224.80	+0.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.30	140.80	-0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	135.00	143.70	-0.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	192.70	205.00	+0.20	0.66
-do- Acc	203.60	216.70	+0.30	0.66
Small Cos Rec	302.90	318.90	+0.50	2.31
-do- Acc	390.80	411.40	+0.60	2.31
UK Growth	77.62	82.58	+0.17	2.27
-do- Acc	90.51	96.29	+0.20	2.27
Worldwide Gth	268.20	285.40	-2.50	0.27
-do- Acc	395.20	420.50	-3.70	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	76.88	82.49	+0.19	3.00
Income	58.44	62.70†	+0.06	6.10
International	54.86	58.35	-0.11	0.80
American	59.41	63.74	-0.43	0.30
Japan	46.78	50.19	+0.58	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.90	56.76†	-0.14	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	387.20	408.70	-4.50	0.84
-do- Acc	477.70	504.30	-5.60	0.84
American Rec	406.90	430.30	-3.20	0.30
-do- Acc	465.60	492.40	-3.60	0.30
Am Sm Co Acc	115.50	122.10	-0.30	0.08
Australia Acc	138.90	147.00	-4.50	1.40
Capital	621.20	656.90	+2.20	2.81
-do- Acc	685.40	724.80	+2.40	2.81
Commodity Acc	397.20	420.10	-0.80	1.02
Compnd Gth	804.10	850.30	+2.50	2.88
Dividend	33.70	36.10	...	4.41
-do- Acc	131.20	140.60	+0.20	4.41
Equity Inc	280.60	296.70	+1.10	5.07
European Div	56.80	60.50	-0.30	4.62
-do- Acc	64.20	68.40	-0.30	4.62
European Gen	373.10	394.60	-5.70	1.62
-do- Acc	466.10	493.00	-7.10	1.62
Extra Yield	352.50	377.30†	+0.90	4.47
-do- Acc	1050.7	1103.1	+2.80	4.47
Far Eastern	266.60	281.90†	-0.90	1.13
-do- Acc	350.70	370.80	-1.20	1.13
Fund of Inv	480.00	507.60	+3.70	2.28
-do- Acc	866.10	916.00	+6.70	2.28
General	52.30	55.30	+0.10	3.59
-do- Acc	137.80	145.70	+0.30	3.59
Gilt Fxd Int	62.20	62.20	+0.80	7.96
do Acc	153.60	153.70	+1.40	7.96
Gold	41.50	43.90	-0.40	1.44
-do- Acc	48.50	51.40	-0.40	1.44
High Inc	24.00	25.40	...	4.65
-do- Acc	88.90	94.10	+0.10	4.65
Intl Growth	66.30	70.30	-0.30	0.98
-do- Acc	114.30	121.20	-0.60	0.98
Intl Inc	89.70	94.90	-0.60	4.83
Japan Gen Acc	45.20	47.80	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	127.60	134.90	+0.10	...
Midland	50.90	53.40	+0.10	4.00
-do- Acc	159.70	168.90	+0.30	4.00
Recovery	34.60	37.00	+0.10	3.15
-do- Acc	54.40	58.20	+0.20	3.15
Second Gen	59.00	62.40	+0.20	3.62
-do- Acc	144.30	152.70	-0.30	3.62
Smaller Cos	56.30	59.50	...	3.52
-do- Acc	106.70	112.70	...	3.52
Trustee	37.40	39.60	+0.20	4.02
Charibond 3	‡112.12	...	+0.40	9.62
Charifund 2	618.70	624.90	+1.20	5.08
Pension ex 1	851.40	872.70	+4.20	4.16
NAACIF Inc 3	‡45.75	...	+0.20	7.72
-do- Acc 3	‡1080.0	...	+5.80	7.72
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688866				
Inv Port Inc	132.50	141.70†	-0.21	2.41
-do- Acc	147.20	157.40†	-0.21	2.41
UK Income	110.00	117.60†	-0.25	2.98
-do- Acc	122.70	131.20†	-0.25	2.98
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	73.10	78.18	-1.14	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	126.70	134.50	-0.40	0.71
Income Growth	71.19	75.57	+0.11	3.95
European	65.43	69.45	-0.18	1.34
Nth American	57.73	61.28	-0.67	1.08
UK Growth	75.69	80.34	+0.02	1.37
Intl Growth	88.33	93.76	-0.54	0.68
Charities	107.70	114.30	+0.40	4.05

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Intl Income	66.20	70.27†	-0.20	3.94
Japan	46.36	49.30†	-0.37	0.09
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	188.80	200.30	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	201.80	214.20	-1.40	...
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	5.24
-do- Acc	128.50	128.50	...	5.74
European Gth	188.80	200.30	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	202.30	214.50	-2.60	...
General	450.80	480.90†	+1.90	2.20
-do- Acc	857.60	914.80†	+3.60	2.20
Global Dist	130.60	137.30†	-0.50	5.67
-do- Acc	146.10	153.70†	-0.50	3.67
Income	135.00	143.00†	-0.10	5.06
-do- Acc	197.50	210.30†	...	5.06
International	368.20	391.80	-2.60	0.95
-do- Acc	488.30	519.70	-3.50	0.95
Japan	159.70	169.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	164.00	173.90	-0.40	...
New Europe	131.10	139.90	-1.10	1.43
-do- Acc	133.20	142.10	-1.20	1.43
Recovery	286.80	306.00	+1.70	2.29
-do- Acc	358.50	382.50	+2.20	2.29
European Inc	73.47	77.86	-0.76	3.01
-do- Acc	93.30	98.78	-0.96	3.01
Brit Blue Chip	70.97	75.61	+0.30	3.65
-do- Acc	83.20	89.16	+0.35	3.65
Portfolio	72.20	76.75†	+0.07	3.12
-do- Acc	83.10	87.27†	+0.07	3.12
Gold General	79.05	84.34	+2.45	2.86
-do- Acc	80.15	85.50	+2.48	2.86
Pacific	82.52	88.03	-1.08	0.56
-do- Acc	87.28	93.08	-1.14	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	49.57	52.88†	-0.24	1.08
-do- Acc	55.33	59.02†	-0.27	1.08
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 280. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.24	60.15†	-0.02	3.33
-do- Acc	57.08	61.05	-0.02	3.33
British Dist	76.29	81.59	...	2.38
-do- Acc	86.36	92.36	...	2.38
European Gth	163.60	174.70	-1.10	0.16
-do- Acc	205.40	219.30	-1.40	0.16
Extra High Inc	67.57	72.27	-0.41	6.64
-do- Acc	117.40	125.60	-0.70	6.64
FT-SE 100 Index	47.98	51.32	-0.05	2.92
-do- Acc	47.98	51.32	-0.05	2.92
Gilt Fixed Int	56.16	58.47†	+0.11	7.04
-do- Acc	147.70	153.80	+0.30	7.04
High Yield	214.80	229.70	+0.10	5.10
-do- Acc	492.80	527.10	+0.30	5.10
Income	272.60	291.90	-0.10	3.81
-do- Acc	567.50	606.90	-0.10	3.81
Japan Gth	302.40	325.40†	-6.70	...
-do- Acc	319.10	341.30	-7.00	...
Mandarin Acc	90.40	96.68	-0.72	1.68
North American	162.70	174.00	-1.00	0.51
-do- Acc	204.50	218.70	-1.30	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	259.10	275.80	-2.10	0.45
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16	+0.01	5.02
Deposit Acc	121.73	121.73	+0.01	5.02
Euro Gth Acc	252.20	269.50†	-2.30	...
Europe	115.20	124.10†	-0.90	...
Intl Gth	164.00	175.00	+0.90	...
Japan Tracker	67.90	71.94	+1.72	...
UK Equity Inc	141.70	151.50	-2.70	5.11
-do- Acc	173.70	186.90	...	5.11
UK Ind Tracker	140.30	150.20†	+0.60	3.52
US Eq Ind Trkr	190.50	202.30†	-2.20	1.31
-do- Acc	204.00	216.20†	...	1.31
Asian Trader	139.70	151.60	-1.60	1.03
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.70	172.70	-2.30	2.45
European	59.74	61.09	-0.55	1.21
Olympian	51.90	53.21	-0.33	0.34
Global Bond	47.63	48.20	-0.05	6.81
Smaller Cos	62.89	65.62	+0.66	1.48
Equity Income	90.87	93.50†	+0.42	4.93
UK Growth	80.75	83.22†	-0.45	1.98
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilsea Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.19	50.33	-0.62	0.84
Australian Acc	283.60	304.20	-8.20	...
Conscience	63.14	67.38	-0.05	1.52
-do- Acc	67.81	72.36	-0.05	1.52
European	166.30	177.30	-2.90	1.17
-do- Acc	178.90	190.80	-1.40	1.17
Extra Income	71.52	76.32	-0.29	6.20
-do- Acc	108.20	115.40	...	6.20
Far East Gth	146	156	-1.60	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.01	61.41	+0.14	6.87
Gold	31.95	34.35	-0.75	...
-do- Acc	34.41	37	-0.80	...
Income	51.20	54.61	-0.49	5.49
-do- Acc	153.50	163.70	-1.40	5.49
International	28.39	30.46	-0.08	1.18
-do- Acc	40.78	43.75	-0.14	1.18
Jap Sm Cos Acc	279.70	298.70	+1.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	153	164	-2.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24	25.80	-0.36	1.98
Special Sits	31.33	33.68	-0.44	2.02
-do- Acc	36.09	38.80	-0.13	2.02
Tokyo	75.36	80.38	+1.41	...
-do- Acc	76.12	81.19	+1.42	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	66.64	70.90	-0.07	2.94
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.64	77.93†	+0.53	7.45
N&P Higher Inc	184.80	196.10	-0.20	5.07
N&P UK Income	99.29	106.20	-0.01	4.09
N&P Intl	83.75	90.06	-0.06	1.96
N&P Smaller Cos	72.32	77.38†	+0.49	1.68
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	157.63	167.70	...	2.54
Global	266.83	283.87	...	1.29
Growth	103.16	109.75†	...	2.50
Income	196.91	209.48	...	4.60
Intl Bond	128.28	136.09	...	7.02
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	136.40	143.50	...	2.80
-do- Acc	236.20	248.60	+0.20	2.80
Income	212.90	226.40†	-3.40	3.86
Intl Equity	213.10	226.70	-0.70	1.11
-do- Acc	233.30	248.10	-0.80	1.11
Equity	214.20	227.80	+0.30	2.66
-do- Acc	434.20	461.90	+0.80	2.66
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.53	71.84	+0.01	2.11
UK Income	58.99	62.75	+0.11	3.35
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.65	73.02	-0.07	1.73
New Europe Acc	60.56	64.42	-0.80	1.59
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.47	88.21	+0.18	0.45
PEP Gth Inc	95.23	101.86	+0.11	1.34
Intl Gth	448.64	479.83	+0.43	0.76
Income	283.19	302.88†	-5.61	3.47
W wide Recov	279.23	298.69	-0.75	0.69
American Gth	196.40	210.06	+0.02	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.79	181.60	+0.59	0.22
Far East Gth	190.21	203.44	+2.27	0.08

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European Gth	108.72	116.28	-0.57	1.09
UK Growth	72.85	77.92	-0.29	3.00
High Income	79.40	84.92	-0.14	4.67
Japanese Gth	184.64	196.67	+2.89	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	163.90	174.30†	-5.20	0.91
High Income	107.70	114.60	-0.20	3.51
Conv Gilt	107.90	114.80†	-4.10	6.41
Far East	281.00	298.90†	-3.30	0.38
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.67	51.78	-0.17	0.57
Emerging Mkts	59.77	63.59	-0.22	0.23
General	47.07	50.07	-0.02	3.42
International	80.83	85.99†	-0.84	1.33
Gilt Units	26.46	27.28	+0.03	8.05
Global PEP	34.04	36.63†	-0.41	2.13
Income Gth	62.79	66.80	-0.08	5.27
European	42.08	44.77†	-0.25	1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.36	26.98†	+0.05	6.17
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490. Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314. Pricebank: 0426 925091.				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.75	31.81†	+0.02	1.61
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.40	101.40†	+0.01	5.31
-do- Acc	104.47	104.47†	+0.01	5.31
Pru Equity	652.93	698.32	-0.32	2.42
Pru Equity Inc	79.56	85.11†	-0.17	4.51
Pru European	170.30	182.13	-1.66	1.87
Pru Global Gth	77.15	82.51	+0.03	1.58
Pru High Inc	84.32	90.60†	-0.23	5.67
Pru Intl	154.16	164.87	-0.10	1.31
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.01	69.53	+0.03	0.93
Pru Japanese	176.19	188.43†	+4.42	...
Pru Nth Amer	141.47	151.30	-0.63	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.03	73.82	+0.82	1.90
Pru Prmr Inc	49.71	51.77	+0.33	7.39
Pru Smllr Cos	80.67	86.27	+0.44	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.26	103.48	-0.26	2.34
Pru UK Grwth	108.26	115.78†	+0.02	2.34
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	152.80	164.30	...	3.77
NC Japan	238.70	255.84	...	...
NC Maj UK Cos	92.28	99.18	...	2.68
NC America Inc	473.96	508.35	...	0.57
-do- Acc	550.51	590.45	...	0.57
NC Smlr UK Cos	249.81	272.20†	...	1.86
NC European	252.65	269.64	...	1.51
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.32	76.93	-0.80	3.71
Capital Units	138.90	147.70	+0.20	1.42
Commodity	96.90	103.00†	-0.70	1.15
European Gth	146.40	155.70	-1.70	1.40
Financial Sec	166.90	177.50	+0.80	1.90
High Return	207.80	221.00	+0.70	4.61
High Yield	200.80	213.60†	+0.60	3.78
Income Units	105.00	111.70	...	4.93
Investment	164.70	175.20†	-0.10	1.14
Japan Gth	130.70	139.00	+1.10	...
Japan Smaller	162.20	172.50	-1.80	...
Masterfund	43.89	46.69	-0.13	0.97
Scotbits	243.20	258.70	+1.30	1.63
Scotshares	249.90	265.80	+1.40	2.83
Scotyields	218.70	232.60†	-0.50	4.01
Select Intl	125.10	133.00†	-1.10	0.74
Smaller Cos	211.80	225.30†	+0.20	4.27
Special Situation	107.00	113.80	+0.90	0.74
UK Equity	218.90	232.80	+0.50	2.88
US Growth	138.00	146.80†	-1.60	0.33
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	234.63	250.27	-3.15	0.72
-do- Acc	253.48	270.37	-3.41	0.72
Australian	127.96	136.49	-2.26	1.46
-do- Acc	150.44	160.46	-2.66	1.46
UK Enterprise	202.27	215.75†	+0.36	2.79
-do- Acc	233.66	249.23	+0.41	2.79
European Gth	59.20	63.14†	-0.41	1.38
-do- Acc	61.28	65.36	-0.42	1.38
Euro Smllr Cos	55.24	58.92†	-0.38	0.70
-do- Acc	55.62	59.32	-0.39	0.70
Far Eastern Gth	63.45	67.67	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	64.47	68.76	+0.04	...
Fixed Interest	52.06	54.90†	+0.21	8.60
-do- Acc	63.97	67.46	+0.27	8.60
Gilt Income	102.60	108.13†	+0.34	8.45
-do- Acc	143.39	151.11†	+0.48	8.45
Income	296.31	316.06†	+0.52	4.54
-do- Acc	874.17	932.46	+1.55	4.54
Japan Enterprise	58.83	62.75†	-0.37	...
-do- Acc	58.83	62.75	-0.37	...
Japan Smllr Cos	373.09	397.96†	+0.98	...
-do- Acc	373.84	398.75	+0.98	...
Pacific Gth	81.57	87.00	-0.45	0.55
-do- Acc	83.99	89.59	-0.45	0.53
Smaller Cos	181.46	193.55†	+0.23	1.30
-do- Acc	207.96	221.81	+0.26	1.30
Tokyo	92.63	98.79†	+0.57	0.01
-do- Acc	93.56	99.79	+0.58	0.01
UK Equity	201.50	214.93†	+0.29	3.09
-do- Acc	373.15	398.03	+0.54	3.09
US Smllr Cos	129.17	137.78	-1.18	...
-do- Acc	129.17	137.78	-1.18	...
World Fd	68.04	72.57	+0.01	1.72
-do- Acc	71.73	76.51	+0.01	1.72
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.17	45.98	+0.44	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.54	66.61	+0.47	1.80
European Opps	70.77	75.37	-0.55	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.23	100.82	-0.30	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	48.31	51.45	+0.06	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	338.50	361.20	-0.10	3.00
American	246.20	261.30	-0.90	0.85
Pacific	300.40	321.30	+0.30	0.78
European	446.70	477.80	-2.50	1.20
Worldwide	76.02	81.30	-0.03	1.33
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	300.10	319.30	+0.20	2.85
UK Sm Cos Eqty	190.40	202.60	+0.20	2.40
European	319.60	340.00†	-3.60	1.99
North American	247.60	263.50†	-2.90	0.56
Income Plus Inc	63.57	67.63	-0.20	4.00
UK Spec Sits	65.13	69.29†	+0.25	2.48
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.83	26.58†	+0.03	3.14
Intl Growth Acc	27.51	29.44†	-0.10	1.93
Global Inc Acc	30.29	32.42	-0.32	4.34
Market Ldrs Acc	25.64	27.44	+0.03	3.16
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	81.98	87.67	+0.38	...

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Euro Spec Sits	43.90	46.70†	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	46.48	49.45	+0.03	...
Far East Opps	28.96	31.17	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	29.75	32.03	-0.01	...
General Growth	97.99	104.90	...	2.20
Global Tech	114.30	123.30	-0.20	...
Income Growth	99.10	106.50	-0.10	3.79
Income Monthly	55.67	59.54	-0.23	4.71
Japan Growth	72.50	77.09	+0.90	...
Overseas Gth	73.24	78.03	+0.21	..
Smaller Cos	69.43	74.65†	-0.66	1.79
Special Opps	96.97	104.20	-0.60	2.35
Wld Spec Sits	44.47	48.07	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	44.57	48.18	-0.14	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	43.93	45.62	+0.10	1.63
Equity Gth Acc	57.60	61.21	-0.30	1.40
UK Eq General	41.52	44.12†	-0.10	2.37
-do- Acc	54.88	56.32	+0.30	2.37
European Acc	40.44	42.97	-0.10	1.11
Far East Acc	49.98	53.11	-0.40	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.00	31.73†	-0.60	6.76
N American Acc	43.47	46.19	-0.30	0.71
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	261.30	283.60	-2.10	1.61
UK Eq High Inc	34.49	36.65†	-0.50	3.92
-do- Acc	40.96	43.52	+0.10	3.92
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.00	308.30†	-3.00	3.81
UK Lgr Cos Acc	369.80	401.30	+2.40	3.81
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.47	NZ$3.68	...	1.14
US Eq	$3.074	$3.320	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y219.8	Y233.4	...	..
Japan Eq	Y220.1	Y233.7	...	...
FT Europe	112.00	118.90	...	2.13
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.837	...	1.06
FT Japan	Y215.0	Y228.4	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	115.10	122.20	...	1.78
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	340.20	361.60	-3.20	0.29
British	924.50	978.10†	-1.40	4.34
European	376.10	400.90	-0.60	1.50
Japan	129.20	137.50	+0.10	...
New Pacific	278.90	297.00	-1.70	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.38	95.38†	...	5.34
Majority Stg	99.52	100.52†	-0.02	5.24
Inv Tst	177.60	188.30†	...	1.90
Saints PPP	372.30	391.90	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	717.10	766.90	+0.30	2.42
N America Acc	112.90	120.80	-0.30	0.21
Far East Acc	112.80	120.60	-1.60	...
W wide Bond	60.17	63.87†	-1.70	5.38
European	80.44	86.03	-1.68	0.34
Equity Income	81.42	87.08	-0.12	3.65
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.79	36.14	-0.59	0.64
Managed Assets	116.00	124.07	+0.07	3.35
UK Income	36.04	38.55	+0.03	3.04
UK Growth	35.49	37.96	+0.03	2.34
Worldwide Gth	29.78	31.86	-0.30	0.47
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	200.86	213.68	-1.20	0.07
-do- Acc	220.61	234.69	-1.32	0.07
British Gth	83.50	88.83†	-0.54	2.07
-do- Acc	98.24	104.51†	-0.65	2.07
European	90.80	96.59	-1.57	0.94
-do- Acc	95.77	101.88	-1.65	0.94
Extra Inc	180.51	192.03†	-1.91	4.25
-do- Acc	287.96	306.34†	-3.04	4.25
General Unit	256.25	272.61	-4.63	2.75
-do- Acc	505.64	537.92	-9.13	2.75
Income	316.63	336.84	-2.92	3.73
-do- Acc	644.92	686.09	-5.95	3.73
International	470.56	500.60	-4.33	0.83
-do- Acc	615.10	654.36	-5.67	0.83
Pacific	312.41	332.35	-1.50	0.02
-do- Acc	327.18	348.06	-1.57	0.02
Premier Income	50.84	52.96	+0.22	6.68
-do- Acc	104.41	108.76	+0.44	6.68
Nat Resources	96.06	102.19†	-0.23	0.66
-do- Acc	105.36	112.08†	-0.25	0.66
Selected Opps	92.67	98.59†	-0.86	1.26
-do- Acc	116.02	123.43†	-1.08	1.26
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	66.74	71.18†	-0.57	...
-do- Acc	68.83	73.41†	-0.60	...
Cash	50.24	50.24	-1.50	6.25
-do- Acc	61.35	61.35	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	60.65	64.69	-0.38	0.46
-do- Acc	61.28	65.36	-0.38	0.46
Far East Opps	134.88	143.87†	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	138.03	147.23†	-0.21	...
Gold/Nat. Res	39.72	42.36	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	40.85	43.57	+0.24	...
Japan	70.05	74.72	+0.08	...
-do- Acc	70.05	74.72	+0.08	...
Little Dragons	61.79	65.90	-0.20	0.75
-do- Acc	63.38	67.60	-0.21	0.75
Oriental Income	39.37	41.99†	+0.11	3.79
-do- Acc	50.28	53.63†	-0.14	3.79
Tiger	196.13	209.20	-0.61	1.26
-do- Acc	205.15	218.82	-0.64	1.26
UK Small Cos	65.20	69.82†	+0.12	2.28
-do- Acc	76.17	81.46†	+0.14	2.28
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	12.78	13.59	-0.22	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.17	31.03	-0.43	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.12	39.49	-0.54	0.10
Global Bond	$0.963	$1.003	+0.001	7.29
Penny Share	21.41	22.77	+0.03	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.43	52.43	+0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.37	69.06	+0.57	...
Gilt Income	52.36	54.38†	+0.30	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	102.10	108.50†	-2.80	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	-0.000	...
Challenger	91.78	93.91	-0.16	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.46	70.70	+0.15	2.07

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	3,400	Coats Vly	3,100	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	1,300
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Cm Union	508	Lloyds Bk	2,400	Scot Power	1,500
Anglian W	467	Courtaulds	421	MB Cardn	741	Sears	2,300
Argyll Gp	8,200	De La Rue	299	Marks Spr	5,700	Svrn Trent	546
Arjo Wiggn	1,500	Eng China C	328	NFC	647	Shell Trans	5,300
AB Foods	281	Enterpr Oil	953	NatWst Bk	1,200	Siebe	798
BAA	959	Fisons	1,900	Nat Power	3,300	SmKl Bch	5,900
BAT Inds	1,900	Forte	10,000	Nth Wst W	583	Smith Nph	967
BOC	749	GRE	1,900	Nthrn Fds	1,900	Smith (WH)	468
BP	10,000	GUS A	336	P & O	1,400	Sthrn Elec	188
BT	5,500	Gen Acc	1,100	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	1,100
BTR	3,200	Gen Elec	3,200	PowerGen	5,000	Sun Allnce	1,400
Bk of Scot	1,900	Glaxo	4,900	Prudential	2,400	TI Gp	1,100
Barclays	2,200	Granada	1,200	RTZ	3,300	TSB	1,000
Bass	2,300	Grand Met	5,300	Rank Org	691	Tate & Lyle	2,300
Blue Circle	1,100	Guinness	5,300	Reckitt Col	541	Tesco	4,400
Boots	2,000	HSBC	3,800	Redland	1,700	Thames W	677
Bowater	730	Hanson	7,100	Reed Intl	830	Thrn EMI	708
Brit Airwys	2,100	ICI	1,400	Rentokil	560	Tomkins	5,100
Brit Gas	9,100	Inchcape	1,500	Reuters	656	Unilever	1,300
Brit Steel	4,800	Kingfisher	1,200	Rothmans	1,400	Utd Bisc	1,100
Burmah Cast	881	Kwik Save	162	Ryl Ins	2,300	Vodafone	4,100
Cable Wire	1,500	LASMO	3,700	Ryl Bk Scot	6,000	Wellcome	4,900
Cadbury	803	Ladbroke	5,100	Sainsbury	2,600	Whitbd 'A'	1,900
Carlton Cms	421	Land Secs	271	Scot Hydro	533	Wilms Hld	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3441.87 (+6.76)
S&P Composite 450.90 (-0.77)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19099.09 (+507.64)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6408.88 (+20.02)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 106.8 (-0.9)

Sydney: AO 1668.8 (+1.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1671.58 (-12.63)

FT 30 share: 2223.2 (-2.4)

Brussels:
General 6287.65 (+2.43)

Paris: CAC 543.25 (-2.06)

Zurich: SKA Gen 491.1 (-2.7)

London:
FT A All-Share 1408.01 (-0.06)
FT 500 1542.25 (-0.67)
FT Gold Mines 116.5 (-1.6)
FT Fixed Interest 112.67 (+0.60)
FT Govt Secs 96.86 (+0.18)
Bargains 43519
SEAQ Volume 677.2m
USM (Datastrm) 132.51 (+0.07)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 22	April 2	July 1	July 12

Call options were taken out on 1/4/93: Avesco, Amstrad, Enterprise Comp, Ferranti Intl, Fisons, Corporate Services.
Put & Call: Fisons.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 40634)	Jun 93	2901.0	2909.0	2888.0	2895.0	11024
	Sep 93				2913.5	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 284616)	Jun 93	94.21	94.23	94.14	94.16	20208
	Sep 93	94.38	94.42	94.29	94.32	10978
	Dec 93	94.36	94.40	94.28	94.29	3697
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 17390)	Jun 93	96.69	96.69	96.68	96.68	753
	Sep 93	96.50	96.51	96.49	96.50	289
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 496390)	Jun 93	92.86	92.88	92.74	92.77	59528
	Sep 93	93.70	93.72	93.60	93.63	27423
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 1)	Jun 93	109-22	109-22	109-22	109-23	1
	Sep 93				108-16	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 56007)	Jun 93	106-21	106-27	106-01	106-04	36966
	Sep 93	105-21	105-24	105-21	105-07	15
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.71	108.86	108.67	108.82	1327
	Sep 93				108.11	0
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 149198)	Jun 93	95.39	95.49	95.04	95.07	71047
	Sep 93	95.61	95.62	95.26	95.30	148
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 16831)	Jun 93	91.86	91.87	91.72	91.74	1598
	Sep 93	92.76	92.78	92.65	92.64	660
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 35661)	Jun 93	95.39	95.42	95.29	95.32	7384
	Sep 93	95.76	95.82	95.73	95.74	1299
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 52041)	Jun 93	94.49	94.56	93.73	94.00	14849
	Sep 93	94.25	94.26	94.25	93.90	3

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.1 (day's range 79.7-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7358-2.7463	2.7364-2.7398	¼-⅛ds	1-1⅜ds
Brussels	50.00-50.41	50.00-50.12	8-13ds	26-35ds
Copenhagen	9.3520-9.3990	9.3520-9.3750	4½-5¼ds	11½-12¼ds
Dublin	1.0050-1.0082	1.0056-1.0076	22-28ds	71-81ds
Frankfurt	2.4340-2.4464	2.4361-2.4393	⅜-½ds	1¼-1⅜ds
Lisbon	224.23-225.95	225.47-225.93	247-280ds	583-647ds
Madrid	173.83-174.75	173.94-174.37	107-132ds	333-372ds
Milan	2409.80-2439.30	2431.50-2439.30	10-12ds	34-36ds
Montreal	1.9029-1.9234	1.9213-1.9234	0.19-0.06pr	0.29-0.08pr
New York	1.5090-1.5255	1.5245-1.5255	0.36-0.35pr	1.02-0.99pr
Oslo	10.3580-10.3980	10.3580-10.3820	1⅝-3⅝ds	5⅝-8⅛ds
Paris	8.2310-8.2890	8.2740-8.2890	2¾-3¼ds	8⅛-8⅞ds
Stockholm	11.5860-11.7560	11.5860-11.6100	3⅛-5¼ds	10¾-13⅞ds
Tokyo	172.78-174.06	173.86-174.06	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.09-17.22	17.12-17.17	2⅛-3¼ds	6⅜-8⅝ds
Zurich	2.2536-2.2674	2.2626-2.2657	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5154-1.5180
Australia dollar	2.1685-2.1716
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5765
Brazil cruzeiro *	38588.1-38615.6
Cyprus pound	0.724-0.734
Finland markka	8.8245-8.9405
Greece drachma	330.0-337.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.684-11.695
India rupee	46.79-47.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4525-0.4625
Malaysia ringgit	3.9247-3.9289
Mexico peso	4.62-4.72
New Zealand dollar	2.8574-2.8648
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6095-5.7355
Singapore dollar	2.4775-2.4807
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9037-6.9540
S Africa rand (com)	4.8409-4.8473
U A E dirham	5.4930-5.6170

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4347-1.4357
Austria	11.34-11.36
Belgium (Com)	33.24-33.28
Canada	1.2583-1.2588
Denmark	6.20-6.21
France	5.455-5.460
Germany	1.612-1.613
Hong Kong	7.731-7.732
Ireland	1.508-1.510
Italy	1601.0-1604.0
Japan	114.15-114.20
Malaysia	2.594-2.595
Netherlands	1.813-1.814
Norway	6.865-6.875
Portugal	149.2-149.4
Singapore	1.6375-1.6385
Spain	114.60-114.80
Sweden	7.659-7.669
Switzerland	1.4915-1.4925

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6[illegible] Low 5 Week fixed: 5[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5[illegible] close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.23-3.20	3.45-3.42
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: March 31, 1993. Agreed rates April 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993. Scheme I: 7.36%. Schemes II & III: 7.25%. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to March 31, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.028%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.00-337.40 Close: $336.50-337.00 High: $337.20-337.70
Low: $335.25-335.75 Krugerrand: $336.00-338.00 (£219.00-221.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.50-83.50 (£51.00-53.00) New $80.50-83.50 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $362.00 (£239.60) Silver: $3.85 (£2.525) Palladium: $114.40 (£73.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	34	48	57	3	22	26
(*580)	600	4	21	32	22	48	55
ASDA	67	3	9	11	3	7	9
(*68)	76	1½	6	7	10	13	15
Bass	500	54	66	78	1½	11	16
(*554½)	550	12	33	47	12	30	36
Boots	460	22	42	53	4	17	22
(*477)	500	2	22	32	25	33	40
Br Airways	280	15	24	33	5½	17	22
(*294)	300	3	16	24	19	28	33
BP	280	23	32	36	2	9½	14
(*297½)	300	8	19½	25	7	17½	24
	330	1	8½	13	32	38	42
Br Steel	80	7	12½	14½	1½	7	8½
(*86)	90	1½	7	10½	6½	13	14½
C & W	700	46	67	90	2	23	32
(*741½)	750	10½	37	54	19	47	57
CU	580	33	55	61	2	15	26
(*609½)	629	5	25	37	25	38	50
Courtauld	550	32	50	60	3½	22	29
(*576½)	600	3	23	36	26	48	56
GKN	420	43	56	62	1	9	17
(*461½)	460	9	31	37	9	23	34
Grnd Met	420	17	35	42	5	19	25
(*431½)	460	3½	16	22	33	43	48
ICI	1150	35	85	97	14	47	72
(*1165)	1200	12	57	70	42	72	100
	1250	3	38	50	86	106	131
Kingfishr	535	43	55	65	2½	10	24
(*576½)	584	8	27	37	17	40	48
Ladbroke	180	5½	18	26	7	18	24
(*176½)	200	1½	10	16	24	30	37
Land Sec	500	29	34	41	2	16	21
(*526)	550	1½	11	17	27	50	50
M & S	330	15	26	32	2½	13	18
(*344)	360	2	10	18	32	30	33
Sainsbury	460	24	41	52	4	19	24
(*486)	500	6	22	32	24	40	45
Shell	550	33	50	58	2	9½	18
(*576)	600	3	20½	29	25	32	41
Smkl Bch	390	28	46	55	3½	17½	24
(*408)	420	9½	30	41	15	32	38
Storehse	180	22	29	33	1½	9	13
(*201)	200	6	17	24	7	18	23
Trafalgar	74	6	11	15	2	6	8½
(*78)	83	2	7	11	6	11	13
Unilever	1150	47	82	107	4	25	33
(*1186½)	1200	11	51	76	25	46	54
Utd Bisc	390	18	36	45	5	14	23
(*403½)	420	2	20	30	22	32	39

April 1, 1993 Tot: 24583 Calls: 17451 Puts: 7132 FT-SE Calls: 3456 Puts: 1817
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	67	77	92	5	17	25
(*808½)	800	30	44	62	20	37	47
BAT Ind	950	63	89	102	12	28	46
(*997½)	1000	33	60	75	32	48	70
BTR	600	24	38	48	13	22	32
(*608)	650	5½	16	25	48	52	60
Br Aero	260	29	38	55	12	28	35
(*280)	280	21	32	46	20	40	46
Br Telcm	420	32	38	43	5½	15	20
(*442)	460	8	17	24	25	36	41
Cadbury	460	34	46	56	6½	14	20
(*485½)	500	12	25	35	25	32	39
Guinness	460	44	55	65	6½	14	21
(*497)	500	15	29	41	23	31	40
GEC	300	20	26	32	4½	12	16
(*312)	330	6	11	17	20	29	32
Hanson	220	19	22½	26	2½	6½	10½
(*233½)	240	7½	11	16	11	16	20
LASMO	140	23	29	35	5	10	14
(*158)	160	11	19	25	14	19	24
Lucas	130	7½	13	17	11	15	31
(*129)	140	4	9	12½	18	21	27
P & O	550	43	60	70	13	26	42
(*572½)	600	13	35	45	40	54	70
Pilkingtn	120	6	10	13	9	16	19
(*116)	130	3	6	10	17	23	25
Prudential	300	37	44	50	2½	6½	12
(*333½)	330	15	26	32	11	18	24
RTZ	650	65	84	97	6½	15	27
(*702½)	700	29	52	66	22	36	48
Scot New	460	24	36	44	8½	23	29
(*475)	500	6½	18	24	31	48	53
Tesco	220	22	29	35	5½	9	14
(*240½)	240	10	18	24	14	18	23
Thames W	500	60	65	68	2	10	15
(*553)	550	22	29	37	14	30	35
Vodafone	360	41	50	60	5	13	21
(*391)	390	19	32	43	16	27	34

FT-SE INDEX (*2880½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	140	92	52	24	8	2½
May	158	118	83	55	35	19
Jun	173	136	106	78	55	38
Jul	190	153	122	94	73	54
Dec	-	230	-	170	-	125
Puts						
Apr	4	8	19	44	78	126
May	18	29	46	69	99	136
Jun	31	44	62	83	114	147
Jul	44	60	78	100	127	159
Dec	-	105	-	145	-	205

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	36	43	51	8	15	21
(*383)	390	17	27	35	21	28	34
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8½	2½	3	4
(*32½)	35	3	5	6½	5	6	6½
Barclays	390	42	53	62	10	20	26
(*415½)	420	24	34	46	23	34	38
Blue Circ	220	16	24	29	14	21	25
(*228½)	240	7½	16	21	27	33	37
Br Gas	290	38	39	42	4	6½	11
(*315)	300	21	26	29	9	13½	19
	330	5½	12	16	27	31	36
Dixons	200	19	25	30	11	18	23
(*203½)	220	10	15	23	25	32	36
Eurotnl	460	36	53	74	40	51	60
(*462½)	500	21	36	51	60	76	85
Forte	180	13	18	25	14	17	22
(*184)	200	6½	12	15	28	30	34
Glaxo	550	73	90	99	15	28	41
(*592½)	600	43	62	72	35	50	65
	650	21	41	51	68	79	95
HSBC	600	50	70	84	25	38	51
(*619)	650	27	46	62	52	65	78
Hillsdwn	160	9	16	20	14	18	21
(*160½)	180	2	8	12	29	32	35
Lonrho	70	18½	20½	23	2½	4½	6
(*85)	80	11½	14½	17½	5	8½	10½
Reuter	1300	85	118	150	46	74	92
(*1337)	1350	58	92	121	72	100	118
R-Royce	120	15	20	24	6	10	13
(*126)	130	10	15	18½	11	16	18
Sears	100	7	8½	10½	7	8½	12
(*100)	110	3½	5	7	13	16	18
Thrn Emi	850	53	70	81	19	40	48
(*879½)	900	26	41	57	44	72	77
TSB	160	23	27	30	5	9	12
(*175)	180	10½	16	20	13	19	22
Vaal Reefs	40	9½	11½	13	2½	3½	4½
(*45)	45	7	8½	10	4	6	7
Wellcome	750	42	67½	85½	41	53½	67
(*743½)	800	24	46	64	70	84½	97½

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	180	24	33	40	2	13	18
(*201½)	200	9½	23	31	6½	22	27

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	27	37	42	10	25	30
(*473½)	500	8	17	23	33	49	54

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	23	31	41	12½	18	22
(*346½)	360	9	18	27	30	34	38
Scot Pwr	310	26	30	34	6	14	16
(*329½)	330	13	19	23	15	24	26

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: After a brief rally when an expected intervention price cut failed to materialise, wheat and barley have drifted back to the lower end of the range. Even though the CIS and France have supposedly sorted out their credit problems, lingering doubts about the security of Yeltsin's tenure and the strength of sterling continue to weigh on prices.

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COCOA

May	687-686	Jul	775-772
Jul	699-698	Sep	788-786
Sep	711-710	Dec	815-806
Dec	729-728	Mar	840-820
Mar	748-747		
May	762-760	Volume:	2984

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	876-875	Jan	885-883
Jul	849-848	Mar	895-890
Sep	859-858	May	910-895
Nov	873-870	Volume:	1979

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	220.0-10.0
Spot: 253.5		Mar	unq
May	260.0-55.0	May	228.0-24.0
Aug	268.0-66.6	Aug	unq
Oct	245.6-44.0	Volume:	5

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	290.5-88.1
Spot: 295.0		Mar	289.5-87.6
May	303.0-02.0	May	291.0-88.6
Aug	309.0-08.0	Aug	295.5-91.6
Oct	293.0-92.0	Volume:	575

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t): May 144.05; Jun 145.05; Sep 108.50; Nov 110.65; Jan 113.50. Volume: 95

BARLEY (close £/t): May 140.75; Sep 106.80; Nov 109.85; Jan 110.40; Mar 113.75. Volume: 25

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t): Apr 144.30; Jun 137.50; Aug 138.50; Oct 143.00; Dec unq. Volume: 15

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	42.5	44.0
May	42.5	43.8
Apr	92.5	92.5
Volume: 60		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k): May 61.00-61.50

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.80	131.70	135.80
(+/-)	+2.70	-3.83	+2.53
Eng/Wales:	92.76	133.58	135.35
(+/-)	+2.55	-2.35	+2.59
(%)	+3.8	-45.4	-60.0
Scotland:	101.53	123.72	137.70
(+/-)	+23.93	-10.53	+2.38
(%)	-49.9	-58.8	-58.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	108.0	108.0	Aug	unq	unq
Jul	104.6	104.5		Volume: 16	

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Good demand for products on both sides of the Atlantic helped to take prices higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.95	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Apr)	19.10	+0.35
Brent 15 day (May)	19.15	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.65	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.80	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	204 (+2)	206 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	180 (+3)	181 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Apr	181 (+3)	182 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	177 (+2)	178 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (+1)
Naphtha	176 (+1)	177 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL: Apr 178.00-78.25; May 174.75-75.00; Jun 173.75-74.00; Jul 174.50-74.75; Aug 176.25-76.75; Sep 178.25-78.75. Vol: 16758

BRENT (6.00pm): May 19.10-19.11; Jun 19.18 SLR; Jul 19.08-19.11; Aug 19.12 BID; Sep 19.10 BID. Vol: 22694

UNLEADED GASOLINE: Apr 206.00-07.00; May 205.00-10.00; Jun 201.00-10.00; Jul 202.00-08.00; Aug 213.50 SLR. Vol: 63

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1450	1420	1430
May 93	1430	1395	1410
Jun 93	1305	1275	1320
Jul 93	1265	1230	1245

Vol: 245 lots. Open int's: 2919 Index 1499 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1415.0-1415.5	1439.5-1440.5	530200
Lead (£/tonne)	271.50-272.00	281.00-281.25	69525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	981.0-982.0	1000.0-1001.0	175050
Tin ($/tonne)	5630.0-5640.0	5695.0-5700.0	8900
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1126.0-1126.5	1148.5-1149.0	1217700
Nickel ($/tonne)	6062.0-6065.0	6132.0-6135.0	66288

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INFOTECH

Battle for personal power

The chips are down as two giants fight to win the lucrative desktop computer market, writes Matthew May



Clean and clinical: making high-tech microchips at the Intel factory



Razzmatazz: the swinging new Microsoft image for domestic sales

The two companies that now control the personal computer business, Intel and Microsoft, have both laid out new versions of their products as they attempt, without too much trouble, to move the industry along with their vision of how PCs should develop over the next few years.

Intel's move to retain its dominance of the personal computer is the 586 chip, successor to the current 386 and 486 used in about 70 per cent of the world's estimated 100 million personal computers.

The company is referring to it, however, as the Pentium, a name it has trademarked to try to differentiate it from possible rivals who are already selling clones of their existing chips under the same numbering system.

It will be a huge seller but needs to be. Intel has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past three years developing the chip which, it says, will run existing computer software applications up to five times as fast as the 486 processor and 300 times faster than Intel's 8088 processor used in the first IBM PCs ten years ago.

More importantly, the extra power is expected to make applications such as running video pictures and three-dimensional modelling on desktop PCs easier and cheaper.

It could even finally provide a much-needed boost for multimedia — the mixing of moving pictures, sound and graphics along with text on desktop computers.

Outside specialist areas such as training and business presentations, multimedia features on a PC are often seen as a want rather than a need by many potential customers who are hence unwilling to pay a hefty premium for it.

This week Intel also announced its first retail video add-in card for personal computers, at about £500, that it says will enable users to record and save video in a single step.

Desktop video is by no means limited to PCs using Intel chips. Last week, for example, saw the launch of a video production system, Media Suite Pro, based on the Apple Macintosh and priced from £8,000.

The developer, Avid Technology, says it can mix any combination of video, graphics, animation, scanned images, music and other sound effects which can be recorded, edited and played as television-quality digital video. It predicts that by 1995 the use of such systems will be as common as desktop publishing.

New products using the Pentium are expected from May with each chip initially likely to cost more than £500.

The advent of a chip that for the next couple of years will largely benefit areas such as scientific modelling, computer-aided design and engineering, may not seem instantly significant to most personal computer users. But it could well push the personal computer industry into yet another "redesign" — pushing prices even lower as existing models start to look old-fashioned and the price for Pentium-based PCs drop. During 1994 Intel hopes to sell more than one million of the new chips.

> Desktop video will be as common as desktop publishing by 1995

On the software side, it is Microsoft which is running that part of the PC business. On Tuesday, Bill Gates, Microsoft's chairman, used a computer convention in San Francisco to announce MS-DOS 6.0, the sixth generation of MS-DOS, the personal computer operating system that helped make Microsoft the world's biggest PC software company and which is used on about 80 per cent of the world's PCs.

New features include anti-virus measures, the ability to get back mistakenly deleted files and the compressing of data on hard and floppy discs to double memory space — a function that should help solve the storage-space problem that has resulted from more applications.

On sale from tomorrow, MS-DOS 6.0 will sell for about £50 until June and, curiously, will be available from some high-street retailers — HMV and Virgin stores — as well as the usual computer dealers.

The involvement of HMV and Virgin is, says Microsoft, so that they can "get a slice of the burgeoning market for consumer computing". Mark Edwards, the personal systems marketing manager of Microsoft UK, says: "Personal computing is well and truly in the realm of the mass market with large numbers of PCs now being used in the home and small businesses."

But MS-DOS 6.0 is not the major concern of rivals in the software field; rather it is the prospect of Windows NT — a new software package planned by Microsoft and an operating system in its own right — that is worrying them.

Already it has forced the major suppliers of the Unix operating system — who have squabbled for years over which incompatible version of Unix should be the industry standard — finally to agree that they will adopt a common approach. Competiton for Microsoft is also on the way from Sun Microsystems and Novell.

This week Sun announced a new version of its Solaris operating system that for the first time will run on personal computers, while Novell says it will also introduce its own personal computer operating software. Both will have the ability to run applications written for Microsoft MS-DOS and Windows programs.

But if undreamt of levels of power are to become available then scientists are already dreaming up ways to use it. At the Fujitsu research institute at Hokkido university, for example, researchers are developing a supercomputer that can monitor brainwave patterns to predict what a human "guinea pig" will say next.

In tests, the system, Silent Speech, was able to tell researchers the vowel sound that human subjects would produce next nearly half a second before they actually said it.

This may seem a fairly useless feat but the inventors see it as the first step on the road to a desktop computer that could be operated by thought rather than touch or sound.

£5m pay at IBM

IBM's new chairman and chief executive, Louis Gerstner, could receive up to $8.5 million (£5.7 million) this year for accepting the ,challenge of turning round the troubled computer company.

A pay package, approved on Tuesday by IBM's board, will give Mr Gerstner $2 million salary and a one-off payment of about $5 million to offset income and benefits forfeited by leaving RJR Nabisco. IBM stock options could reap him millions more if his performance boosts the weak share price.

EC phones move

THE European Community's executive commission had a final round of industry consultations last week on proposals to bring full competition into the market for telephone calls.

EC telecommunications experts have drafted a report calling for liberalisation of calls between the 12 EC members by January 1 1996, and all international and domestic calls by January 1 1998.

The EC estimates that calls between member states cost up to six times as much as the most-expensive national call.

Software pact

APPLE and IBM are to develop software that will allow Apple Macintosh computers to be integrated into an IBM-based network. This follows a 1991 agreement to develop products that will integrate Apple Macintosh personal computers with IBM mainframe, mid-range and desktop systems.

Under this week's agreement, Macintosh computers will be able to function as "clients" on IBM's OS/2-based customer information control system (CICS) network. CICS is used by 20,000 corporate customers worldwide.

Data link plan

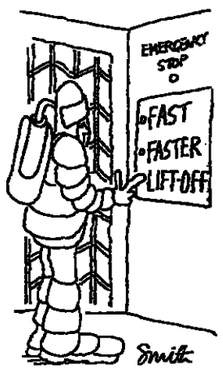
JAPAN says it is likely to join a US government effort to build a massive high-speed data communications network that would connect supercomputers in Japan and America.

The far reaching project will enable universities, government laboratories and corporate research centres to exchange data and information across America at the rate of 1 gigabit, or an estimated 60 million letters, a second.

Faster lifts

IN Japan, Hitachi says it has developed a lift that will operate at speeds of 2,660 feet a minute, about 30 mph and 30 per cent faster than the world's present fastest skyscraper elevator.

The lift is designed for new buildings up to 1,640 feet high that could spring up in Japan over the next



decade or so, a spokesman for the company said. Hitachi hopes to sell 100 to 200 of the lifts in the next decade.

The fastest lifts now run at 2,000-ft-a-minute in the 790 ft Sunshine 60 Building in Tokyo, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Safety pledge

IBM says that by the end of the year, it will design all of its business-oriented computer products to comply with worldwide health and safety standards.

Many unions, consumer groups and some governments complain about improper computer "ergonomics," or design standards that make equipment uncomfortable for users.

Some say computers with poor ergonomics cause eye strain or muscle aches among employees using them.

Software gets its legal aid

A High Court ruling has at last clarified copyright law for computers

TIM BISHOP



Fast mover: Bob Hay says the High Court ruling will benefit the industry

Last month, the High Court significantly clarified the extent to which computer software can be protected under copyright law. The case will be extremely important to the multi-million pound United Kingdom software industry, where effective legal protection is seen as critical to continued growth.

The case concerns what is popularly referred to as "look and feel" copying — the creation of a computer program where, while the result may look like another program, it has been arrived at in a different way. The decision confirmed that this "non-literal" copying of software can amount to copyright infringement.

Bob Hay, of Fast, the Federation Against Software Theft, says: "It removes some of the doubt and that can only benefit the industry." But, he believes, it may be "possibly too restrictive".

Copyright law is designed to protect the expression of an idea, not the idea itself. However, with computer software, the question arises over how to distinguish between such ideas and their "expression".

At its simplest level, computer programs can be written using different computer languages. Two software products can be written, with very similar functions and appearance, without there being any similarities in the underlying computer code.

The landmark decision in this area was the 1986 United States case, *Whelan v Jaslow*, when a court decided that the specific "structure, sequence and organisation" of the software designed to fulfil that purpose was part of the "expresson" of that idea, and was therefore protectable, even *though* copyright law did not protect the general overall idea or purpose behind the software package.

> The court held that infringement occurred

Until last month, there were no significant cases in the UK to show the approach the English courts would take to non-literal copying of software. Then came the High Court decision in *John Richardson Computers Ltd v Flanders and Chemtec Ltd*, confirming that a copyright infringement can occur even where the computer code is different. It also indicated the manner in which the courts would set about analysing such copying.

Since 1982, John Richardson Computers has been marketing software and hardware for use in pharmacies.

From 1983 to 1987, Mr Flanders was employed to continue development of the software. During the latter part of this period Mr Flanders, with the full knowledge and approval of Mr Richardson, was commissioned by the Irish distributor of the pharmacy package to develop an IBM-compatible version.

The final product, PharmAssist, was successfully produced and sold in Ireland. Mr Flanders then converted the package for use within the UK market, under the trade name Chemtec. Mr Flanders formed Chemtec Ltd to market the product, after failing to sell it to John Richardson.

The legal action arose out of this move. The court reviewed the two pieces of software by running them to identify what similarities existed, eventually identifying 17 elements. Next, the court considered which similarities appeared to be due to copying.

It concluded that only about nine of the items were the result of copying. The final stage in the process involved deciding whether these represented a "substantial part" of the original program.

The court held that infringement of Mr Richardson's software had occurred, although only with respect to three specific features of the original program.

The significance of this case lies in the fact that the English courts have explicitly accepted that copyright in computer software can be infringed even though literal copying has not occurred. However, the relatively strict manner by which the court arrived at its decision should prevent a flood of litigation within the software industry.

IAN WALDEN

● *The author is the Tarlo Lyons research fellow at the University of London's centre for commercial law studies.*

High Security Notebooks.

New Toshiba notebooks expected this week. Based on low power 486SX, T4500s feature new cordless Microsoft BallPoint Mouse; PCMCIA 2.0 slots for credit-card size expansion options; Fort Knox-like security protection plus SVGA external display driver. Morse prices from £1780. Price subject to VAT at 17.5%

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Open door to a top career

David Guest on the breadth of opportunities now being offered by work in open systems

If there is one area of computing that looks most likely to guarantee high salaries together with security of employment, it is open systems. Open systems are computing's three-pin plug — a style of computer built to internationally-agreed specifications so that different sizes and makes of computer can work together. At the centre of open systems is Unix, the software that controls the computer's operations.

Open systems have been a long time in gestation, and the majority of computer professionals have developed their skills in an environment where hardly any two manufacturers' computers are alike. Individuals became specialists in the workings of specific computers. Open systems, by contrast, call for specialists in a common set of standards.

The financial rewards depend very much on background. Michael Pritchard, the managing consultant of the specialist open systems recruitment agency, Paladin, says: "Anyone with a good technical grounding in Unix is worth their weight in gold."

The shortage of open systems experience applies to sales and marketing staff also, with the same qualification. "You can break it down by function," Mr Pritchard says. "A product marketing person, who knows the product and the technology and knows how to present it, will command better money than a general marketeer."

The levels of salaries available, he says, start around £18,000 for someone in their first job after college, up to £60,000-plus for a good salesman — representing about £25,000 to £30,000 basic with commission. A senior technical specialist should make £30,000 to £35,000.

They should also be able to pick and choose. "People in open systems have ten times the chance of getting a job, and they'll never be without one," Mr Pritchard says. Roger Frampton, the executive director of Uniforum, the open systems promotional organisation, argues there may be more job satisfaction in open systems. "A lot of users are finding that open systems are taking people into more advanced technology, and getting closer to the business processes — and that their skills are re-usable."

> 'It's easier than starting from scratch'

Although Information Technology has been in recession and the job market has contracted, vacancies for Unix and open systems specialists have been boosted by the public sector. At a number of levels of government, from the European Community down, regulations are ensuring open systems are being bought wherever feasible. Mr Frampton says: "The shortage of good experienced people is a problem. It is the professional software skills and system management skills that are the difficult areas. Developing new applications is the best paid, most interesting and has good career prospects, so those are the most easily filled jobs.

"It is the dramatic increase in the appetite for applications which is creating the real demand. Yes, you can develop applications faster and more economically now, using the prototyping techniques and development tools available. That's good. It increases the productivity of the computer professional but the number of computer professionals is not increasing in proportion to the users' demands."

The Automobile Association relied on its own staff to manage its transition to open systems three years ago. Its main systems were proprietary ICL mainframes. An initial core team of about six people, specialists in networking, programming, operating systems and administration, was selected.

"We gave them internal and external training," John England, the AA's manager of office automation development, says, "and the vendors put their own technical specialists on site: we had a period of learning from their experts. Eventually we knew more than the suppliers about interworking, in terms of all the different product sets."

Open systems expertise has percolated through the organisation since then, and Mr England says that more than 30 people have open systems skills now.

In the same period, the extent of systems development has been impressive. "If you take one example, Unix," he says, "we originally had only a small number of applications, but now we have 30 Unix systems."

And although open systems skills are in high demand, the AA has experienced a lower staff turnover rate — about 2 per cent — than traditional data-processing operations would expect.

The prospects for people whose speciality lies in older proprietary systems are not completely bleak, says Mr Frampton. "Some of the skills, in ICL VME or Digital VMS, for example, that were prospectively redundant, are now useful. The skills set required is changing, but the fundamental technical abilities are a constant." Re-training is a strong possibility. "It's like taking a pilot from a plane that isn't flown any more: they may never reach the pinnacle of the airline pilot's profession, but it will be easier than starting from scratch."

PETER TREVNOR



Right signals: John England of the AA, where open systems are used

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Would you cope in a serious fire or a car accident? Virtual reality could provide the answers, says **Jane Bird**

When a fantasy leaps into life

Imagine being able to walk around your house as though you were weightless, like an astronaut in space. If you collided with a piece of furniture, instead of getting a bruise you would be able to pass, ghost-like, through it.

Such a scenario is impossible because it defies the laws of nature. But the computer technique known as virtual reality lets you experience how it might feel.

Virtual reality uses a computer to create three-dimensional simulated environments that you can move through and explore at will. Like Alice going through the looking-glass, you step into the computer screen to experience the world within.

The virtual world can depict anything you can imagine — an incident, a building, a product or a whole town, says Ian Andrew, the managing director of Dimension International, a Berkshire company that has been developing this sort of software for five years.

"Because the virtual world exists in computer memory, you can change the rules of nature, switching off gravity, allowing objects to pass through each other, or letting cars travel at 1,000mph."

Virtual reality can be experienced by sitting at a computer screen and manipulating a 3-D controller to walk, fly, grow or shrink. "A virtual world gives you a tremendous amount of choice so you need more control than a traditional mouse pointing device or joystick could ever provide," Mr Andrew says.

For an even more realistic sensation, the real world can be shut out with goggles, a helmet and force feedback gloves. In the goggles are two small TV screens, one for each eye. By putting two slightly different images on the screens, the computer can create a 3-D illusion.

The helmet allows your position to be tracked by magnetic sensors overhead so that the computer can recalculate the screen images as you move. The gloves apply air pressure to emulate the sensation of picking up objects or putting them down — if you lift a teapot, for example, it actually feels heavy.

The technology behind virtual reality was first developed to create flight simulators for pilot training and became popularised during the 1980s in arcade games. The problem is that people still do not take it seriously.

In America, it has been discussed as an alternative to mind-expanding recreational drugs, and there is even talk of virtual sex, says Charles Grimsdale, the managing director of Bristol-based Division. "The main challenge for the industry is to demonstrate that there are practical and serious applications."

> In the US it has been discussed as an alternative to sex and drugs

One such is molecular modelling, a technique being developed by Division in combination with Glaxo and the University of York. This allows scientists to explore the properties of a molecule by manipulating and interacting with a 3-D representation of its structure.

Dr Ron Hubbard, of the Protein Structure Research Group at York University, says: "Once you can see the structure of a protein, you can begin to understand its function. Virtual reality offers the chance both to visualise and experience molecules in all three dimensions."

Division is also developing a system to help train astronauts by simulating the difficulties of manoeuvring in space such as when overshooting a target or falling into a spin. This project takes virtual reality a stage further by enabling people to experience the virtual world in groups, for example on the joint assembly of a space experiment.

But there are also numerous more down-to-earth applications. Large-scale 3-D projections are now widely used for product launches or promotions at trade fairs where they enable an audience to share the virtual world experience.

Architects are exploiting the technology to view the effects of natural light on proposed interiors, and to experiment with artificial lighting. TV designers are creating virtual stage and set designs, while retail chains such as Marks & Spencer are experimenting with virtual store layouts.

Matsushita, in Japan, is developing the shopping experience of the future with a system for buying fitted kitchens. It allows customers to try out cabinets in a wide range of colours, textures and designs, and experiment with the ergonomics as if in a life-size kitchen.

There are also many applications in training and safety. Forget the manual: if you want to find out how you would react in a fire, or what to do at the scene of an accident, virtual reality is said to provide a memorable way to learn.

The technology can also be applied to complex abstract information to help spot trends and recognise changes. For example, the financial data of a trading room can be represented as a field of corn. At a glance it is possible to see the overall health of the crop or identify areas where there are problems.

Mr Andrew says: "It is rather like having a 3-D graph with the added ability to zoom in and get a breakdown of the components you are interested in."

However, greater number-crunching power is needed to create more realistic graphical images and acoustics. The ability to run many computer processors simultaneously can help.

Higher-resolution screens should also help improve virtual reality, while more sophisticated software may help designers create complex virtual worlds using more realistic graphics. Mr Grimsdale says: "One day, without doubt, all computers will have a 3-D virtual interface. It will be as pervasive as the computer screen, keyboard and mouse are today."

● *An exhibition and conference, Virtual Reality International, will take place at the Olympic Conference Centre in London next Tuesday and Wednesday. Further details from 071-976 0405.*

TED BATH



Charles Grimsdale with a virtual reality processor, helmet and gloves

A walk on the virtual side

Designers have discovered that they can create a multi-dimensional world of their own and walk inside buildings that have not yet been built. They can also model structures and subject them to various tests to see how they might behave in the real world.

Conventional computer graphics packages build up a very detailed image on screen, but the design usually remains static. However, using virtual reality techniques to continuously calculate and redraw 3-D models in correct perspective at high speed, designers can now make their creations come to life.

They can, for example, "show" a client around a planned building, or sit inside a car they have just designed and try the controls, almost like a real driver would.

Traditional computer graphic animation is simply a collection of pre-generated still images which are then replayed in a set sequence. Each image takes minutes, or even hours, to generate, thus making any realistic interaction difficult. Not so with desktop virtual reality.

Manchester-based Advanced Robotics Research (ARRL) wanted to create a "virtual building" of its own corporate headquarters for a presentation and set itself a target of 12 weeks in which to do it.

Bob Stone, the technical manager of the company, says: "We achieved this easily and have been impressed by the model's ability to grab visitors' attention and stimulate their imagination."

As more powerful and affordable computers enter the market running at higher speeds, it will soon be possible to display more realistic images, which can use a range of lighting effects and colour.

Such features are particularly useful when showing off a new building to town planners, civil engineers, and architects, or visualising buildings, indeed whole developments, for the general public.

The City of Newcastle's £180 million, 25-acre East Quayside project, for example has been simulated inside its own virtual world, so that prospective tenants and purchasers can be shown around buildings before the first brick has been laid. The simulation includes landscaping, the road network, buildings and the famous landmark, the Tyne bridge.

Trevor Pemberton, the director of Real Time Design, the company preparing the simulation, says: "Although some will use them, a large number of architects will not go near computers, preferring the old pencil-and-paper method instead."

As the project develops, the company will create new computer versions of the buildings from architects' drawings, artists' impressions, or computer-generated images, and lay them against a landscape to see how they look together.

"The interactive quality of this kind of system is extremely important to the project," Mr Pemberton says. "It is a good way of bringing their designs to life, being able to simulate the experience of driving along the main road between the proposed new buildings and making sure the Tyne bridge is visible at specific locations."

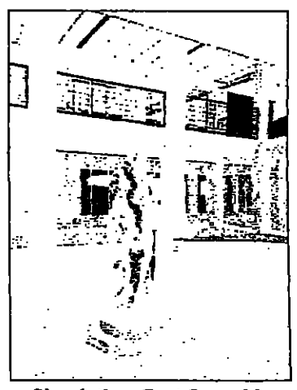
Virtual reality can also act as an effective sales person for the designer. People sometimes become transfixed by it.

"Presentation used to be a problem. It's not any more," Mr Pemberton says. "Often you'll show people a static image, which they'll recognise. The moment the image starts to move, it takes their breath away."

Proponents argue it can be invaluable for convincing sceptical clients that a design is viable. They can test the view by pulling up a virtual chair and looking out of virtual window.

"In the future, developers will use VR systems more and more to reassure clients who pop in to see what a building will look like, how high a wall is, or whether a road is sweeping round at too great an angle," Mr Pemberton says.

CLIVE COULDWELL



Simulation: East Quayside

A touch of the real world at school

Technology is bringing a new dimension to the classroom and allowing children to learn adult skills

A growing number of schools are testing virtual reality systems to see if they can help teach their pupils fresh skills, *Clive Couldwell writes.*

The technology is also being used alongside traditional teaching methods to help disabled children.

Children with severe learning difficulties at Nottingham's Shepherd School, for example, are using a virtual reality system in a project with the Virtual Reality Research Team (VIRART) from Nottingham university.

A series of virtual worlds have been created on the system, which uses examples from the Makaton symbol and signing system. This well-established technique, which has been used by the school for many years, is designed to help children with such learning difficulties to master the basics of a vocabulary by associating hand signs and symbols with objects.

Before virtual reality was introduced to the school, traditional teaching techniques were taught with two-dimensional picture cards. Teachers would show children the cards, explain what the symbol stood for and the pupils would repeat it back.

By incorporating the Makaton symbols into the virtual worlds, the children can now interact with moving images of the words, with the appropriate symbol and sign, rather than just static pages of information.

Using the VR system, from Dimension International, it is possible to create a three-dimensional car which the child can get into and drive around inside the virtual world, while the two-dimensional, Makaton symbol remains constantly in view, reinforcing the link between the 3-D object and symbol.

When the children reach the car, they click on the symbol and two hands appear to demonstrate the sign for the car. The pupil imitates the sign and says the word.

As soon as four new symbols have been learnt, the student enters the "reward world", a kind of test. The four objects lie within this world; when one of them is flashed on-screen, the pupil has to go to the object it represents. If he gets it right, two hands appear giving the thumbs-up sign and a new Makaton symbol to identify.

An initial study using a test group of 16 pupils has produced encouraging results, with three-quarters of the pupils recognising most of the symbols in the reward world.

David Stewart, the headteacher of the Shepherd School, says: "VR is a way of making life more interesting and education more stimulating. The technology is very popular with the students. We have also found that the older and more able students like to help the younger ones, encouraging them to say and sign the words."

The team at Nottingham university wants to extend the programme, so that it can teach the meaning of all 350 Makaton symbols in their eight levels of increasing complexity. Once this has been achieved, it will be possible to compare this virtual-reality method of teaching with more traditional approaches.

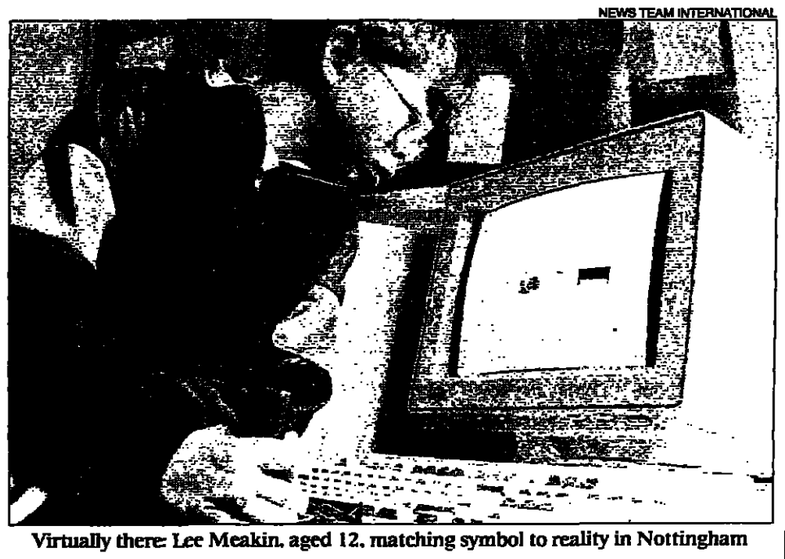
At West Denton School, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, students studying A-level design, art, physics and computer sciences, are using a VR system on dangerous workplaces — a project designed to improve health and safety in the industrial world and based a real factory.

This example of a virtual world contains a variety of everyday workplace hazards; the intention is that by interacting with these hazards firsthand, pupils are able to appreciate health and safety training by putting signs on walls, installing fire-extinguishers, relocating machines, and generally learning how to make the factory floor safer.

Other projects planned include "Intelligent City", which aims to increase the speed at which pupils learn a foreign language, by immersing them in a foreign "virtual city". Pupils will have to perform various tasks, such as finding their way to a restaurant or shop, buying items and using public transport, within the virtual world.

Another project uses images based on well-known works by the sculptor Henry Moore. Outdoor Gallery is aimed at helping students visualise how best to site works of art to the benefit of the artist, the public and the environment.

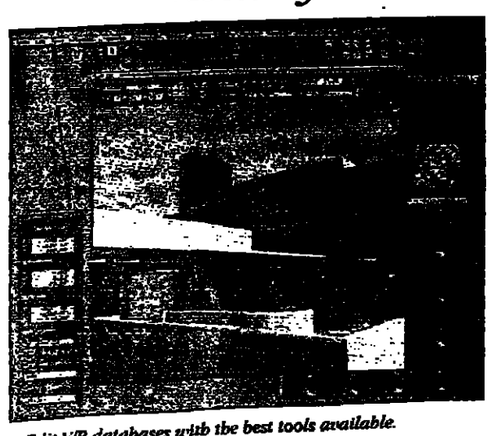
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Virtually there: Lee Meakin, aged 12, matching symbol to reality in Nottingham

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No attendance allowance for guide

Mallinson v Secretary of State for Social Security

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment April 1]

Guidance of a blind person walking in unfamiliar surroundings, when the blind person had no other relevant disability, was not "attention required from another person throughout the day in connection with his bodily functions" which would have entitled the blind person to an attendance allowance under section 35(1) of the Social Security Act 1975, now section 64 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, Lord Justice Nolan dissenting, when dismissing the appeal of Mr Eric Mallinson from the dismissal by Mrs R. F. M. Heggs, a social security commissioner, on September 25 1991 of his appeal from a determination on review by a delegated medical practitioner, acting on behalf of the Attendance Allowance Board, on December 12, 1990 to the effect that Mr Mallinson's blindness did not entitle him to an attendance allowance under section 35(1) of the 1975 Act.

Mr Mark Rowland for Mr Mallinson; Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC, for the secretary of state for social security.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the issue was whether assistance required by a blind claimant while walking out of doors in unfamiliar surroundings was to be taken into account as "attention" or "supervision" or both, in the context of a claim for attendance allowance.

Mr Mallinson, now aged 48, had been blind for 15 years. He could distinguish between light and dark but no more. He was capable of walking and suffered from no mental disability.

He walked about his own first floor flat and in familiar surroundings without risk of danger to himself. He was at risk of injury when walking in unfamiliar surroundings. He required assistance in actions such as taking a bath and cutting up food.

On October 6, 1989 the delegated medical practitioner decided that Mr Mallinson did not satisfy any of the conditions of section 35(1). Another delegated medical practitioner reconsidered the claim, on Mr Mallinson's application for a review of that decision, but on March 2, 1990 again rejected the claim. On December 12, 1990 a third delegated medical practitioner refused to revise the decision.

The provisions enacted in section 35 must have been intended to be applicable by the Attendance Allowance Board or the delegated medical practitioner, with a sufficient degree of certainty to avoid the unfairness of claimants with similar degrees of the same sort of disability being treated differently.

A blind person, who suffered from no other significant physical or mental disability, would be entitled to attendance allowance, by reason of his requiring "attention throughout the day in connection with his bodily functions" only if all forms of attention required by him were judged by the board to be such that the requirement for attention was "frequent throughout the day".

If the attention in connection with his bodily functions was required to enable him to perform a bodily function which a fit person normally performed for himself or herself, such as eating or bathing, the frequency throughout the day when attention would be required would be much the same for all blind people.

People with similar states of the same disability would be treated in the same way.

If such a blind person could, however, claim to require attention, within section 35(1)(a)(i) in connection with the bodily function of walking, on the basis that he needed the help of a guide when in unfamiliar surroundings, then his right to attendance allowance would depend upon factors which included (i) how often in each day he claimed to need to go in unfamiliar surroundings; and (ii) the extent to which his asserted need was accepted by the board as a requirement.

How was that decision to be made? It was submitted on behalf of Mr Mallinson that the board had to assess how frequently the individual claimant reasonably required such assistance.

But that would produce in all probability frequent differences in the way in which blind persons who suffered from the same degree of disability would be treated with reference to disability allowance. It seemed to his Lordship improbable that such a consequence was intended by Parliament.

Walking in unfamiliar surroundings, in connection with which Mr Mallinson needed assistance, was not a bodily function within the concept set out in section 35(1).

The commissioner rightly held that there was no error of law in the decision of the delgared medical practitioner.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, agreeing, said that qualifying attention was attention required for the performance of a disabled bodily function or for the performance of a bodily function which the claimant's disabled function prevented him performing.

The secretary of state accepted that Mr Mallinson's blindness required him to have attention in connection with his bodily functions of bathing and eating.

If attention was required in connection with walking, then the amount of that attention could be aggregated with attention in regard to bathing and cutting food for the purpose of deciding whether frequent attention was required throughout the day.

An attendance in order to enlarge the practical enjoyment of an unimpaired bodily function was not a required attendance in connection with that bodily function.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN, dissenting, said that the critical question was whether Mr Mallinson was "so severley disabled physically or mentally that, by day, he requires from another person ... frequent attention throughout the day in connection with his bodily functions": see section 35(1)(a) of the 1975 Act.

Mr Mallinson was completely blind. Therefore he suffered from a severe physical disability. There was nothing wrong with his mind, nor with his legs.

The trouble was that when he used his legs to walk he could not see where he was going. Therefore, when in unfamiliar surroundings, his walking without assistance was likely to be interrupted or brought to an end by painful collisions with obstacles, if nothing worse.

In the light of those undisputed facts his Lordship was unable to accept the finding of the delegated medical practitioner that Mr Mallinson "had no physical disorder of mobility".

His Lordship was, however, unable to accept the submission put forward on behalf of the secretary of state that the assistance required by Mr Mallinson when walking in unfamiliar surroundings did not amount to attention for the purposes of section 35(1) but only to supervision.

His Lordship was in agreement with Lord Justice Ralph Gibson that the answer could not turn upon the personal choice of the applicant.

The test was a strict one and the applicant had to be prepared to show that he required assistance in connection with the bodily function in the sense that the bodily function could not properly be performed without such assistance.

Solicitors: Ms Vicki Chapman: Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Receivers' undertaking sufficient

Lipe Ltd v Leyland Daf Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment March 30]

Suppliers of goods on credit allegedly sold subject to a retention of title provision to a company which went into receivership were adequately protected by an undertaking given by the administrative receivers that, should the suppliers vindicate their claim to title, the receivers would pay them the value of any goods used or sold during the receivership.

Where that customary undertaking had been given, the company in receivership should not have been restrained by interlocutory injunction from dealing with the goods pending trial of proceedings for their delivery to the suppliers. That was so despite the absence of evidence concerning the personal resources of the receivers in relation to all the undertakings given in respect of retention of title claims, since, as agents of the company, they were entitled to be indemnified out of the company's assets under their control for all liabilities which they had personally incurred.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Leyland Daf Ltd, the first defendants, and its administrative receivers, Mr John A. Talbot and Mr Murdoch L. McKillop, the second defendants, from the refusal of Mr Justice Coleman on March 24, 1993, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division in Manchester, to discharge an interlocutory injunction granted by the judge on March 9 ex parte to the plaintiffs, Lipe Ltd, restraining Leyland from selling or otherwise dealing with the goods in dispute.

Mr Gabriel Moss, QC, Miss Linden Ife and Mr Peter Arden for Leyland; Mr Brendan Hegarty, QC and Mr Gerard McDermott for Lipe.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that Lipe was a manufacturer of clutch assembly parts for motor vehicles. Leyland was a motor vehicle manufacturer and distributor. Lipe had supplied Leyland with parts under contracts which it said incorporated standard terms and conditions which included a reservation of title clause. Whether Lipe was right depended upon the resolution of a battle of forms on which it was accepted that there was a triable issue.

On February 3, 1993 the second defendants had been appointed administrative receivers of Leyland. On that date the Leyland spares division in Chorley, Lancashire, held stocks of clutch parts supplied by Lipe which were said to be the subject of outstanding invoices to the value of about £93,000. Lipe claimed that those parts remained its property and had asked to be allowed to take them away.

In the case of each of numerous retention of title claims made against the receivers they had asked for information to investigate its validity. They had undertaken that if the claim was found to be valid, the supplier would be paid the value of any goods used or sold after their appointment.

Lipe had not been satisfied with that undertaking. It had said that unless its claim was immediately accepted and satisfied in full, it would come and take its goods away.

The receivers had refused to allow that and on March 9 Lipe had issued proceedings for delivery of its parts and an injunction restraining Leyland from dealing with them. On the same day Mr Justice Coleman had granted ex parte an injunction until trial or further order restraining Leyland from selling or otherwise dealing with the goods. On March 24 he had refused Leyland's application to discharge that order and from that refusal Leyland appealed.

The judge had decided the question of whether to grant an interlocutory injunction according to the guidelines laid down by the House of Lords in *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd* ([1975] AC 396). The first question was therefore whether damages would be an adequate remedy. If so, no interlocutory intervention by injunction was needed to protect the position of Lipe pending trial.

The purpose of a retention of title clause was to give the supplier the security of being able to repossess the goods rather than prove in the liquidation of the company and receive a dividend.

If Lipe proved at trial that its retention of title clause had been incorporated into the relevant contracts, it would have a claim against Leyland for damages for conversion of those clutches which had meanwhile been sold. That would be an unsecured claim and therefore not in itself adequate.

It had therefore become customary for receivers to supplement that remedy with a personal undertaking to pay the value of any goods used or sold during the receivership in respect of which a claim to retention of title had subsequently been established.

By a letter dated March 9, 1993 the receivers had offered such an undertaking. That had the following effect. If Leyland by its receivers sold goods which turned out to have belonged to Lipe, it would of course no longer be able to recover them in specie. But it would become entitled against the receivers to their value.

Thus the purpose of the retention of title clause would have been fully achieved, because Lipe would have recovered the goods or their value instead of having to be satisfied with a dividend. Lipe had no further interest which needed to be protected. Accordingly, *prima facie* damages against the receivers for any breach of their contractual undertaking would be an adequate remedy.

The judge had said that although in principle damages were an adequate remedy, he was not satisfied that the receivers would be able to pay them. He had had no evidence about the personal resources of the receivers in relation not merely to the plaintiff's claim but also the 400 other suppliers to whom they had given personal undertakings. It seemed to his Lordship that by concentrating on the personal resources of receivers the judge had ignored the realities of the way receiverships were conducted. Receivers who carried on the business of an insolvent company would almost invariably incur personal liability under the contracts they made, sometimes in very large amounts.

The parties who dealt with them were not concerned with their personal resources and did not rely on such resources in giving them credit. They relied instead upon the fact that a receiver, acting as agent for the company, was entitled to be indemnified out of the company's assets under his control for all liabilities which he had personally incurred in exercising his powers as receiver.

Furthermore, they relied upon the fact that receivers, as sensible professional men, would not lightly risk personal bankruptcy and would therefore not incur liabilities unless they were satisfied that there were sufficient assets to enable those liabilities, to say nothing of the receiver's personal expenses and remuneration, to be paid in full.

The judge had made no mention of the receivers' right to pay liabilities out of the assets of the company and in his Lordship's judgment the exercise of his discretion had been vitiated by his failure to take that important factor into account.

In his Lordship's view the judge should have discharged his injunction.

Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Boote Edgar Esterkin, Manchester.

Scale out of date

Regina v Price (Steven)

There was force in the submission that the scale of sentences for theft laid down in the guidelines case of *R v Barrick* ((1985) 81 Cr App R 76) should be modified by inflation and the fact that the maximum sentence for theft had been reduced from 10 years to seven years by section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Sedley, so stated on March 30, when reducing to 18 months, concurrent sentences of two years for each of theft and burglary and four months for taking a conveyance without consent, passed on Steven Carl Lewis Price, aged 29, by Judge Lee at Worcester Crown Court on pleas of guilty.

Tribunal should have intervened

Dennis v United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Ognall

[Judgment March 18]

A professional disciplinary tribunal, aware of a fundamental misconception on the part of a defence representative, should have disabused him of his erroneous view and explained the construction it intended to put upon the word "misconduct".

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the appeal of Valerie Dennis against the finding on August 2, 1991 of the professional conduct committee of the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting that she was guilty of misconduct and the order that she be struck off the register of nurses.

Mr Martin Spencer, who did not appear before the committee, for Mrs Dennis; Mr Robert Lawson for the committee.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the conduct complained of related to the commission by the appellant, between September 1987 and March 1990, of a series of motoring offences. What was not stated in the recital of the charges before the tribunal, was the fact that in respect of four of eight charges, she had been absolutely discharged by the justices.

Rule 9 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) Rules (SI 1987 No 2156) provided: "(7) Proof of conviction shall not constitute misconduct: misconduct shall be a matter for the conduct committee to determine..."

Rule 11 provided that if the nurse did not admit the charge of misconduct then she might directly or though her representative adduce both evidence and argument as to why the facts did not constitute misconduct.

Mrs Dennis's representative, a non-lawyer from the Royal College of Nursing, according to the transcript, said: "Whilst we have to admit that she has been found guilty of a criminal offence, none of the charges actually relate to patient care or wilful neglect or actions towards patients. Therefore we believe that is the reason why it does not constitute misconduct."

The committee went into camera and found the motoring convictions to constitute misconduct. It was only after that crucial finding that the committee was informed that there had been absolute discharges in relation to four of the charges.

One of the matters which his Lordship had found disturbing was that Mrs Dennis's representative conducted the defence on the sole basis that because the charges against her did not in any sense relate to her work the committee was not competent to find her guilty of misconduct.

That was a fundamental misconception of the meaning of the word "misconduct" in the context of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979, the 1987 rules and their code of conduct.

To bring the profession into disrepute was offensive to the code and there was authority for the application of the word "misconduct" to the commission by a nurse of criminal offences wholly unconnected with her profession, including road traffic offences.

The committee was obviously aware of how her representative approached the matter yet did not seek to disabuse him of his erroneous view. He should have been told in plain terms that his conception of what could constitute misconduct was erroneous and that the committee intended to proceed upon a vitally different construction of the word.

The committee did not proceed properly unless before retiring to consider the issue of misconduct it heard in its entirety all evidence going to that issue and in that connection made known its views upon any material construction of the rules or the Act so that an appellant could properly decide whether to give or call evidence at that stage.

Evidence going to that issue included not only the facts of the commission of the offence but also the personal circumstances and state of mind of the defendant both before and during the unlawful act.

All evidence called after a finding of misconduct could only deal with a respondent's record and be such as to mitigate the possible penalty to be imposed.

It should be added that the committee was not competent to take account, as it must have done, of those offences in respect of which the appellant was absolutely discharged.

Solicitors: Mr Richard Bernhard; Walker Martineau.

Correct date required on form

Panyai and Another v Roberts

A notice served for the purpose of creating an assured shorthold tenancy within the meaning of section 20 of the Housing Act 1988 with an incorrect date was not a form "substantially to the same effect" as a form prescribed under section 20 by the Assured Tenancies and Agricultural Occupancies (Forms) Regulations (SI 1988 No 2203) which required the correct date to be given.

Therefore, by virtue of that improper notice a 12-month tenancy granted on November 6, 1990 was not an assured shorthold tenancy and the tenant was therefore an assured tenant who enjoyed the protection appropriate to that status.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Mann) so held in a reserved judgment on March 18 when allowing the appeal of Mrs Sarah Holmes Roberts against the decision of Judge Goldstein made in Bow County Court on August 10, 1992 that Charles Panyai and George Pyrkos, the joint owners of a house, should recover possession of the furnished ground floor of that property.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the form prescribed for a notice under section 20 was form No 7 in the Schedule to the 1988 Regulations which required for its completion the specification of a date of termination and therefore predicated the insertion of the correct date for the tenancy "in respect of which a notice is served".

A notice with an incorrect date was not substantially to the same effect as a notice with the correct date and in the present case the mistake was not an obvious one to an ordinary recipient who proposed to take on the tenancy.

Correction

In *High Street Services Ltd and Others v BCCI* (*The Times* March 26) Glanvilles, Portsmouth, acted for High Street Services.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Transcribing Greek names into Latin text

Konstantinidis v Stadt Altensteig and Another
Case C-168/91

Before C. N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Diez de Velasco and P. J. G. Kapteyn

Advocate General F. G. Jacobs (Opinion December 9, 1992)

[Judgment March 30]

Rules governing the transcription of a Greek name into Latin characters for the purposes of the civil register of a member state were only incompatible with article 52 of the EEC Treaty to the extent to which their application might cause such difficulties for a Greek national that in practice they restricted his right of freedom of establishment under that article.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Sixth Chamber) so held in answering questions submitted to it by the *Amtsgericht* [Administrative Court], Tübingen, for a preliminary ruling.

The applicant in the German proceedings was a Greek national who was resident in Altensteig, Germany. He practised there as a self-employed masseur and hydrotherapy assistant. According to his Greek birth certificate his forename was Χρήστος and his family name was Κωνσταντινίδης.

On July 1, 1983 he was married before the Registrar of Altensteig. In the register of marriages his name was spelled "Christos Konstadinidis". In October 1990 he asked the Registrar to amend the indication of his family name in the Register to "Konstantinidis" on the ground that that spelling gave the best indication to German speakers of the correct pronunciation of his name in Greek and that moreover, his name had been transcribed in that way in Latin characters in his Greek passport.

Since the name which appeared in the marriage register had to correspond to the name in the birth certificate of the person concerned, the *Amtsgericht* ordered a translation of the birth certificate to be made.

The transcription of the name was carried out in accordance with the relevant administrative provisions by applying ISO standard 18 as required by article 3 of the Convention on the Representation of Names and Surnames in Registers of Civil Status of September 13, 1973 (*Bundesgesetzblatt* 1976 II, p1473) and which provided for transliteration. By applying that standard the Latin transcription of the applicant's name became "Hristos Konstantinidis".

He therefore disputed that transcription before the *Amtsgericht* arguing that it distorted the pronunciation of his name while the *Landratsamt* [District Office] Calw, on behalf of the Registrar, applied for the amendment of the marriage register so that his name would be registered therein as Hristos Konstantinidis in accordance with ISO standard 18.

The *Amtsgericht* decided that the dispute raised questions of the interpretation of Community law and submitted two questions to the European Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

By its two questions the German court sought in substance to establish whether article 52 of the Treaty was to be interpreted as prohibiting the name of a Greek national, who had established himself in another member state in order to practise a profession, from being entered in the registers of civil status of that state according to spelling which was inconsistent with the phonetic transcription of his name such that the pronunciation of his name was changed and distorted.

Article 52 was one of the fundamental provisions of the Community. So far as the right of establishment was concerned that article required nationals of other member states to be assimilated to nationals of the country concerned by prohibiting any discrimination resulting from national laws, regulations or practices.

It was therefore necessary to examine whether national rules on transcription into Latin characters of the name of a Greek national in the registers of civil status of a member state where he was established were capable of putting him in a less favourable legal or factual position than that of a national of that member state in similar circumstances.

Nothing in the Treaty prevented the transcription of a Greek name into Latin characters in the registers of civil status of a member state which used the Latin alphabet. In those circumstances it was for that member state to lay down the procedures, whether by legislation or administrative provisions and according to the rules provided by international convention which it had concluded in regard to civil status.

Rules of that kind could not be regarded as incompatible with article 52 of the Treaty except to the extent to which their application would create such difficulties for a Greek national that, in practice, it would restrict his freedom to exercise his right of establishment under that article.

That would be the case where the legislation of the state of establishment required a Greek national in the exercise of his profession to use a spelling of his name arising from the transliteration in the registers of civil status, if that spelling was such that the pronunciation of the name was thereby distorted and if that distortion exposed him to a risk of confusion with other persons on the part of his potential clients.

On those grounds the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled:

Article 52 of the Treaty was to be interpreted as prohibiting a Greek national from being required, by the relevant national legislation, to use, in exercising his profession, spelling of his name such that the pronunciation was distorted and that the distortion resulting therefrom gave rise to a risk of confusion on the part of his potential clients.

Results of the Law Society's Final Examination, winter 1992

The following students have successfully completed the Final Examination of the Law Society, winter 1992.

Abu-Manneh R; Ackland M K; Adams P L; Adejobi A O; Afghan P; Ahmad Y Z; Ahmed S; Akhter J M; Algar J C; Allen L; Alliott K; Amos M J; Amos S; Anderson F; Angliss S J; Annette R T W; Archer C E; Archer E R; Arkhurst J; Asampoh A M; Ashton E R; Ashton J; Atkins I L; Attenborough T L; Auxenfans E A M; Averill B J; Aziz S; Azulay A H

Bains S K; Baird M A; Bajaj S; Baker L; Bamforth J J; Banks G M; Bansal A K; Bardsley P G; Barkatsli S R; Barlex P A; Barnard E S J; Barnett F D; Barr E J; Barrowcliff N P; Barry F J; Bartlett G L; Bassi M S; Bateman P; Bazeer S M M; Beech J R; Bell E S; Bergman M R; Beswick S; Bezdel N A B; Bird P V; Birdi K; Bloom R C; Boakye M; Bolam C; Boothby C S; Bourne M J; Bowen D A; Bowman H M H; Boycott D A; Boyd P R; Bracken N J; Brackett A M; Brackstone L S; Bradbury S M; Braithwaite S L; Brewer L; Brimacombe S R; Brookshaw G R; Brown J L; Brown L J; Bucknall N J; Bull S J; Burke A J; Burnett J J; Burns M T; Burrows D J; Butler S L; Bux M

Cahill J P L; Callaway K P; Campbell A L; Campbell C D; Cant P; Carroll S A; Carter E L; Carter R J; Catchpole P J; Cato D S; Chaliha S; Chan K; Chan K T; Chan K W; Chan W N; Chan-Chung Y B; Chandraker S H; Charles M S; Charrion G P; Chatrath J K; Cheney K R; Chester M A; Cheung J K L; Chikezie F N; Chong W S S; Choudri F J; Clark A J; Clark S; Clasby N C; Cliff R N; Cohen A R; Coles C A; Colquhoun S K; Colville J D; Connor M T; Constanti A; Cooke M W; Coombes A R; Coombs J A; Cooper D; Cooper H S P; Cornah P A; Couch S J; Cousins T; Coyle G P; Creswell A J; Critchley S; Crombie S J; Crossley E; Cunningham G J; Currie K S; Curry S P; Curtis N A

Daji J A; Daly M; Das J; Davenport N C H; Davies S M; Dawson M C; De Mowbray V M; De Souza A M; Dean G M; Decardi-Nelson D; Dent M A; Dhand I; Dhanji T; Dhillon H; Dhoot S; Dickinson J J; Dickman J N; Dixon P V; Dobson C L; Dodd H W P; Doherty H; Doherty P A D; Dolin E T; Donald N S; Done S J; Dorrington V; Douglas C; Douglas L; Dowling L N; Doyle K; Doyle L G; Drake M S E; Drepaul M S; Duffy H M; Duggan B K; Duke B; Duke S L; Dunmall G E A; Dunmall J A; Dunn K A; Dunning A J; Durugo L N D; Dutton F H

Easton N; Edge J L; Edwards C; Edwards D R; Ekundayo M O; Elliott J F; Elliott K E; Elliott P; Emmas J; Esfandiary M; Eteson M D

Fairclough N C; Faniyi N A; Fashola N A; Fearon M; Fernando N S M; Ferris R D C; Festenstein R H; Fielding A; Finch J C; Finn J A; Finn P A; Fisher M J; Fletcher I G; Fletcher S; Flynn R E; Flynn S M; Foley M; Foot P K R; Ford A J; Fovet F; Francis R D; Francis T N; Fulford S J; Fung A W Y

Gahir K K; Gannon A C; Garner H E; Gayle A M; Geen M; Gibbon W R C; Gilbert A F; Gilchrist J M C; Gill M K; Ginns A J; Glover J P; Goble G C; Goodman S L; Graham J M; Greene N A; Greenway K P; Greig M E; Gul-Mohamed M

Hall J N; Hall M D; Hanif Z P; Hanna S A; Haque N; Haque S R; Harkin N E A; Harnett L P; Harrison J M; Haslam K H; Hayes A M; Hayton E M; Heap J R; Heap M; Heard D A; Heinrich D R; Hemmings V J; Henery I D; Hewitt V J; Hinds L S; Ho K C A; Hobbs A G M; Hobson A L; Holman S J; Holyland S A; Hopkin R T B; Hornsey S L; Houshmand J L; Howard C I; Huang S; Hughes G L; Hughes S J; Hull K M; Hunter A; Husain S; Hussain M; Hyland P J P

Inayat S; Izegbu C B

Jackson J J; Jacob M S; Jain A; James D; James S E; Jarvis S L; Jayawickrama J M S; Jefferies-Beckley E M; Jenvey N L; Johal A S K; Johnson M D; Johnston B R; Jones C E; Jones D L; Jones I R; Jones J W; Jones S C; Jordan S; Joseph B C; Josse J M

Karadia K D; Karimjee H; Kaur N; Kaur P; Kazimierska B C; Kelly J M; Khan N S; Khawaja T; Kinsler D C; Knight R D; Kyriacou K

Lacey A M; Lai M H M; Lai C; Lander R J; Landy E G; Laud S J; Lawrance J; Laws J M; Lawson K; Leaitherland A R; Lee G M; Lee K W; Lee L L A; Lee N K; Lee S C; Lee S S H; Lennon P; Lerer D I; Lewis A J; Lewis L P C; Lewis S E; Liao C Y C; Liburd S G; Lindrea S G; Lipman M; Liston S W; Little R D A; Lock T M; Lokholm E S; Lomax Z A; Lordan C A; Lowe C; Lowther A D C; Luckman W J; Luk K H; Luk S P W; Luk W W V; Luxton M A; Lyne R A; Lynn J B

Maccabee T; Macey-Dare E J; Maechler C; Mair J A; Malhotra R; Malik N A; Man D Y W; Mann B S; Marlow G J; Marr R D; Marr R I; Martin M; Martin P; Martin V A; Mather J T; Matthews R A J; Matwala G P S; Maydew J A; Mccormack A M; Mccuncheon E J G; Mcyeson F E; Mcguire D A; Mchsrg D J M; Mckenna J; Mcmaster S; Mcnulty M F; Mcveigh J K; Mehtam J; Mercer J B; Mertz S W; Milan K J; Miles C E; Milton T J; Mirabelli-Centurione P W; Mohammed A I; Montague J C M; Mooneeram V; Morley S P; Morris A D; Morris D M; Morris P M G; Morris R; Morris S A A; Morrison I; Mortimer-Tracy J; Morton R D; Muldoon D P; Mullan N B; Munn P A; Murray E O; Murrell S C

Navani J; Neill M J; Neilson M J; Ness S C; New R; Nicholson J W; Nirmalanandan S G; Nobis Y; Noble D H; Nocton N J

O'Donnell L P; O'Neill S E D; O'Reilly J M; O'Sullivan K J; Oberoi A; Odedra I; Odell C J; Offonry N R; Ogden P S; Ojikutu T T; Okagbue L U M; Okello C R; Ola-Ojo M O; Oldale J C; Oliver C J; Oliver J

Pamensky K W; Pandya H; Paracha S S; Parkes K J; Parlett J E; Parsons P; Patel A; Patel M; Patel S; Pathak M B; Paton S E; Paulson G M; Paynter D; Peacock A M; Pegg G L; Pennock J A; Perchal P J; Perot N S; Pettican S P; Phillips J D; Pickthorn T D A; Pimblett T H S; Powell H A; Powell N D; Pratt L K; Preston L B; Price A; Priest J; Prior N J; Purcell S A; Purdon M; Purewal J; Puxley J W

Rai P; Rais A; Raja T A; Rajah T S S; Randle D; Rao S; Raynes D; Reddington S L; Redway-Harris J; Rees J M; Rees N J; Rees R S; Reid A M L; Rendall C E; Rennie L; Renri V E; Rhodes S J; Riazat Z N; Richardson J C; Richardson P W; Riches A; Riches S M; Rigby J M; Rikard-Thomsen S; Roberts R L; Robinson M; Robson J C; Rochester S A; Rogers C A; Rollason N W; Rosamond-Lanzetta D; Rudd C B; Ruffles S E; Rush S J; Rushe C M; Rutherford J C; Ryans M G

Sackier S S; Saghir S; Salway J S; Sampson A M; Samra R; Sarfo-Akrade E A A; Scott M J R; Scudamore C B; Seale M P; Selig J H D; Senadheera N T S; Seymour G A; Shah M; Shah S A; Shah S S; Shalhoub L M; Shamas N; Shapiro Y; Sharma R K; Shaw A C; Sheridan J A; Sherwin C D; Shier D R; Shu C K D; Silk A M; Simons M L; Simpson B C; Simpson C M J; Simpson G A; Singer C; Slingsby D S; Smeed M B; Smith A D; Smith D S; Smith L J; Smith N J; Smith P L; Smyth F K; Snaith P C; Solanki K; Spanton S L; Spencer R J; Stainforth P K; Stephenson H J; Stokes R I; Stopp C J; Strangways-Booth V B; Stumaford S D; Sufian J M; Sweetbaum P M; Sweetnam K M

Tatham L C; Taylor A; Taylor C M; Taylor R W; Temple M H; Thobhani R; Thomas L R; Thompson R L; Tilson S J; Tite S J; Trump S F; Tsola S; Tucker J S C; Turner A S; Turner S J; Tyler J M

Vecht P P; Vint P J; Virjee N

Wahab S; Wahle D; Walker S R; Wan W; Warburton D; Ward J M; Warhurst C M; Waters L M; Watkins S E; Watling M C; Watson A T; Watts S C; Webster S; Welsher P D; Wheat C L; Wheeler J C; Whitehead R M; Whitehouse C T; Whiteside P H; Whittaker A J; Whittaker P A; Whyatt E L; Wilkinson L R; Wilkinson M D; Williams E; Williams E E; Williams K J; Witt A J; Wood N A; Wookey S J; Worsnop N C

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Part B

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Beddow H; Bell F M; Bohills S A; Bolton P S J; Borgen I

Canavan P J; Ceres R W; Chan K R; Chern D R; Chrysanthou M; Chudyba J B; Clark D N; Cooper C; Cruikshank I A

Dadge D G; Denton R; Downes S; Duggan G R

Edwards J S; Ellsmore S F J

Foy C; Franco M; Fry S J

Goad V C J; Gobel D R; Green E W

Hall W G; Harper M A; Hawkins N R; Hill H D; Holder D H; Hughes J M; Humphries D F

James E C F; Jamieson A G; Jones R I

Kelly L M; Khan F; Kinsey S L; Knight B J; Kyriacou A

Leung K M L N; Lockett J; Louis Y C

Macsharry S M; Mahal R; Mapp R; Marshall P J; May R A; Mccarthy M E; Mene-Afejuku G; Menzel J M; Millachip J H; Montgomery S

Nichols B A

Owston M P S; Oyegoke A A

Palmer H; Parry J E; Pauw K M; Perriam D G; Pitman M; Preece D M R; Prickett R M

Ramtohul-Brindle S K; Reynolds D H; Rishi S; Robinson N J; Rose D J; Rubin G S

Sampson I; Shah B; Shah R P; Skoulding J A; Southam C H; Southgate J W; Sowden J C; Stemmer-Baldwin E P; Sutherland D A G

Taylor J W T; Taylor J P D; Tayo F M; Thomas D L; Thomas M; Thompson K L; Tidball N S; Tillyard J M; Tsang C K; Tupling S

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on a British survey of the work of sculptor Susana Solano

Iron deep in the Spanish soul

Born at the end of the second world war, Susana Solano is the most outstanding Spanish sculptor of the generation who came to maturity after Franco's death. But if the waning of his regime led to an extraordinary upsurge of vitality among artists throughout Spain, Solano's work shows no sign of euphoria. On the contrary: the governing mood of her first British retrospective at the Whitechapel Art Gallery is stern, rigorous and devoid of any facile optimism.

None of the adjectives too often glibly applied to women's art — decorative, sensuous, beguiling, etc — can be associated with the work displayed here. It could hardly be tougher, and the first sculpture confronts visitors with an utterly uncompromising presence. Grimly entitled *The End of the 90s*, this bulky iron box rests on the floor like a bunker left over from some distant battlefield. Two glass sheets are inserted in the top, hinting for a moment at the possibility of access to the structure's interior. But they remain shut firmly together, and their thick, indented surfaces rule out any possibility of peering through. Defensive and implacable, the whole work presents a cheerless vision of how beleaguered life may have become by the time our century expires.

> 'The governing mood here is stern, rigorous and devoid of any facile optimism'

True, this forbidding stasis is immediately challenged by *The Bridge*, where lead cascades in curving, overlapping sheets until it reaches the ground and spreads into a flat, pool-like stillness. Even so, Solano makes no attempt to pretend that a waterfall is represented here. The slabs of lead remain undisguised, their welding marks openly exposed. And the network of iron struts supporting the "cascade" is rusted and bent, suggesting that the bridge may well be on the point of collapse.

Like Julio González, the most renowned of modern Catalonian sculptors, Solano relishes the rawness of the materials she employs. Her studio is in St Just, the industrial quarter of her native Barcelona. And the commitment she displays to riveting, cutting and welding allies her powerfully with a great local ironwork tradition. All the same, González's preference for attenuated delicacy plays no part in Solano's sculpture. He would often handle iron like an exhilarated draughtsman, making his thin, supple lines soar through space in order to rejoice in the agility of a dancing figure. She, by contrast, opts for severe primary structures which owe a debt to the American Minimalists.

But there is nothing derivative about the feelings engendered by her objects. In *Twice Times No*, the sculpture lives up to its ominous name by rearing up in front of us, as implacable as a prison. A transparent PVC sheet is installed on one side, allowing us to look inside. But grilles guard the space within, ruling out all possibility of escape. The sculpture's oppressiveness is quite different from the work by Judd, Andre or LeWitt which may originally have impressed Solano. She explores far more gruelling emotional territory than the Americans, and after a while I began to wonder if the harshness of the Franco years still lingered in her imagination like memories that refuse to go away.

Judging by some autobiographical notes Solano has published, her childhood feeds the work she produces today. While Franco's repression provides one possible source of her disquiet, the sculptor's own father clearly played his part, too. "I never had a conversation with my father", she wrote, "neither did he speak. Authoritarian, categorical and hot-tempered."

The silence which enclosed him seems to have contributed to the lack of communication dramatised in a work such as *Here Rests The Paradox*. For the cage structure this time contains a table, unaccompanied by chairs and surmounted by a tall, four-sided barrier which shuts us off from all further exploration of the interior.

Solano is often preoccupied with the impossibility of penetrating the mysterious privacy of the spaces she creates. The final exhibit upstairs is the most impregnable of all. An especially large iron box capped by corrugated sheets like a roof, it is more reminiscent of a house than anything else in the show.

But a walk round the sculpture discloses no doors or windows punctuating its dark, uniform sides. It resembles instead a condemned building, closed off against the threat of vandals until the demolition gang arrives.

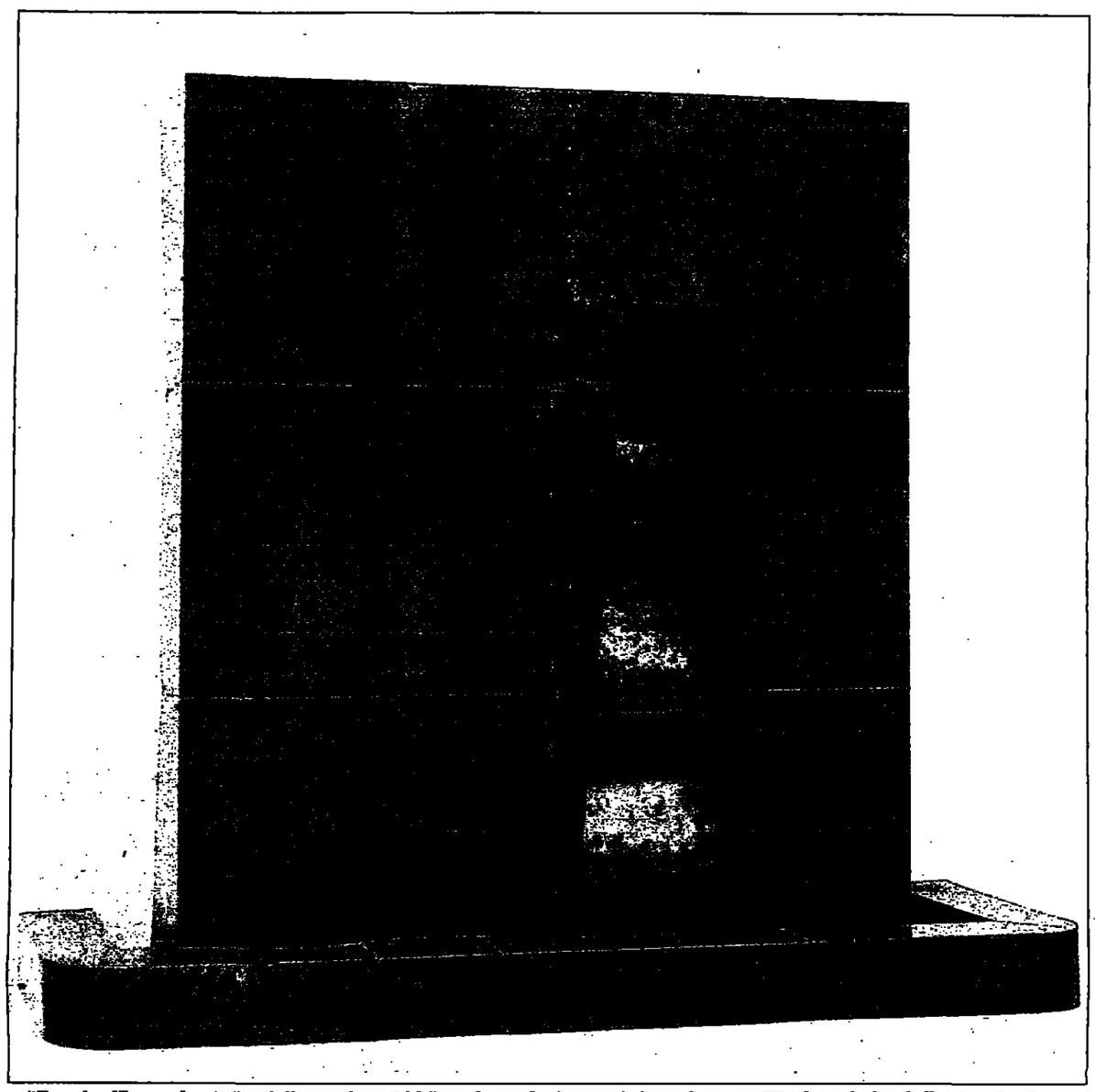
Besieged and unrevealing, this ominous presence shows how stillness easily takes on the aura of death in Solano's work. She recalls, in her writings, the time when "my father is dying. I suggest they shave him." But the work itself cannot be pinned down to such a specific source. Instead, a strong and consistent determination to strive for a sense of ancient ritual gives the entire exhibition a mythic quality.

Surly looks like a sacrificial altar. Covered by a PVC cloth, but far too high to dine on, this colossal table seems to be waiting for the slaughter to begin. And round its base run dark gutters, ready to channel the victim's blood.

A lesser artist dealing with such concerns might easily have descended into Grand Guignol. Solano, however, knows where to stop. *Effect and Cause* may bear an unsettling resemblance to an iron bedstead containing two sealed coffins, lying side by side. But it is abstract enough to resist being tied to a single interpretation.

Even when she takes the unusual decision to incorporate a photographic image, in a sculpture called *Act I Scene I*, Solano fights shy of a specific meaning. For the figure floating in water at the base of this glass and iron container is shadowy and enigmatic. Swimming, drowning or already dead, she deliberately frustrates identification. But there is no mistaking Solano's high seriousness, and the undertow of dour emotion running like an elegy through everything she produces.

● Susana Solano *is at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107). Tues - Sun 11am - 5pm (Wed to 8pm). Closed Mon. Until May 2. More work by Solano is at Anthony Reynolds Gallery, 5 Dering St, W1 until April 10*



"Emotion like an elegy": *Pervigiles popinae* (1986), sculpture by Susana Solano. Courtesy FRAC Aquitaine Collection, Burdeos

ART MARKET DIARY

Cashing in on Caspar

THE most eye-catching aspect of the star painting in Christie's German and Austrian sale on May 20 is the place in the sky where its owner attempted to patch up a hole with his amateur paintbox. A gloomy, grimy image of a man contemplating a boulder, *Walk at Dusk* is, we are informed, a master work by "the greatest German Romantic artist" Caspar David Friedrich. (The boulder is the entrance to a tomb and therefore a metaphor for death). Tracked down probably to East Germany by the sleuths of King Street, the painting is understood to have been discovered in a cellar 30 years ago, when communism precluded any chance of a sale. The present owner, who is a descendant of a mid-19th century Dresden theologian and collector of Friedrich called Crusius, now hopes to sell it for more than £2 million.

● ART restorers are often accused of causing irreparable damage to the works in their care. Now there is a new pitfall in this high-risk business. The ancient fragment brought in for a clean and a patch-up may be stolen, either from an un-excavated site or a museum.

"The trade in illicitly obtained archaeological objects has expanded alarmingly, accelerated by poverty and war," says Helena Jaeschke of the UK Institute for Conservation. "Conservators may be called on to treat artefacts that have been obtained by dubious means."

In order to "show the extent of the damage being caused" by the wreckers and "to draw up possible guidelines for the protection of antiquities", she and her colleagues plan to hold a conference in December. As for falling back on justice, she says international law is proving "slow, inadequate and prohibitively expensive for the victims".

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

Sun and sympathy in the south

Sir Norman Foster's latest building is about to be unveiled in the south of France. **Marcus Binney** reports

The Maison Carrée at Nimes is the most lovable of all Roman antiquities and is framed to perfection by the discreet yet elegant 18th and 19th-century houses of the square around it. So fierce controversy was bound to arise when the city's energetic mayor, Jean Bousquet, proposed to fill the fourth side with a new art centre — the Carré d'Art.

Here stood the noble Ionic colonnade of the town's handsome late 19th-century theatre, burnt out in 1953. A total of 17,000 people signed a petition to save the colonnade but Bousquet set his mind on a clean sweep and the colonnade is now re-erected, imposingly if a little strangely on a motorway resting place on the way to Nimes airport.

The protest against its demolition was not entirely in vain for the finished building, which is to be officially unveiled next week, is far more sensitive to its setting than the original designs submitted by the British architect Sir Norman Foster. Foster had been chosen from an initial list of 35 architects; the four shortlisted included America's Frank Gehry, France's Jean Nouvel and the Chicago-based architect Cesar Pelli.

In a black and white photograph the slender columns of Foster's portico — as thin as flag poles — look like an uncomfortable attempt at a Festival of Britain revival. But in fact Foster has played his strongest card: his mastery of the play of light, in this case the dappled light of Provence.

Foster has designed a glass box which if too assertive would spark instant outrage. But though his building is large, and a full storey higher than its neighbours, it is extraordinarily gentle. The branches of an ancient plane tree spread round the corner columns of the portico and even the sous-sol retreats to allow space for its roots.

During the day, the colour and tonality of Foster's new building change, as do the stone and stucco houses around, varying from a warm biscuit in the sun to a pale tan in the afternoon. Towards dusk they exactly match Foster's concrete piers. But in the middle of the day the new Carré d'Art is predominantly white, with the lightness of a marquee.

In the afternoon the slatted roof over the portico casts striped shadows on the columns turning them into Venetian gondolier poles. The glass facade behind is further softened by perforated *brises-soleils* — like giant venetian blinds. While modern curtain glass walls tend to have a hard look, Foster's are pale: a modern version of the whitewash on a greenhouse.

In some lights the glass has a greenish tinge and on the west front it is ingeniously softened by a film of enamel. Foster has given interest to the box by creating a strong diagonal access through the building. The main entrance is aligned on the avenue Victor Hugo, which leads to Nimes's Roman amphitheatre; the other entrance is in the far corner.



Carré d'Art, Nîmes: Foster's arts centre (background) with the old Maison Carrée in the foreground

What is the portentously and confusingly named Carré d'Art? The literature talks airily of a mediathèque — in fact it is a public library and museum of contemporary art. The books are already moving in and every department, reference, children, not to mention compact disc and videos, is enviably light and spacious, with comfortable sofas and chairs as well as work tables.

The museum is a more uncertain quantity. Established in 1986, it so far has just 250 works of art. Yet its 22 galleries, each designed to have a character of its own, rival not the Royal Academy's new Sackler galleries but the full run of summer exhibition rooms. Only two works of art were in evidence: a gallery tiled from floor to ceiling to look like an empty swimming pool, and a cluster of plastic washing up liquid containers tied to a pole.

In the lower basements are ancillary spaces which would be the envy of many national museums. The storage depot alone is large enough to hang much of the Tate's reserve collection — 96 double-sided rolling racks each seven metres long by 5.6 metres high. While such a brief may seem extravagant, Foster has brought in a £24 million building a full £1.5 million under budget.

Galleries and library apart, the Carré d'Art has two superb features. The first is the view out. The entrance front is a giant picture window two storeys high, running the width of the building and providing a mesmerising view of the Maison Carrée and the square around it. At the top of the building, under the portico roof, there is a generous terrace with another highly photogenic view looking down on the roof of the Maison Carrée.

The second feature is the spectacular glass staircase which entirely fills the central atrium. Looking up from the sous-sol, you are covered by a green canopy of glass steps and walkways. The delight in the staircase is that it is supremely inviting — not least because it ascends into a modern version of an ancient temple with a sloping glass roof and columns along the walls.

Foster's new building will undoubtedly receive many accolades but it must not start a fashion, spawning clones in Nîmes's peaceful ancient streets. Just as there is only one Maison Carrée there should only be one Carré d'Art. It succeeds because it is a masterpiece — a masterpiece of discretion.

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LONDON

THE QUEEN OF SPADES: Sian Edwards makes her first appearance at English National Opera since her appointment as music director, conducting the revival of David Pountney's staging of the Tchaikovsky opera *The Queen of Spades*. The cast includes Janice Cairns (Lisa), Graeme Matheson-Bruce (Hermann), Patricia Payne (Countess), Anthony Michaels-Moore (Prince Yeletsky).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Opens tomorrow, 7.15pm

RUDRA BEJART BALLET LAUSANNE: Maurice Bejart's company ends its London season with two ballets inspired by Charlie Chaplin. Mr C is a 90-minute ramble through the life and movies of the great comedian, while in *Crucifixion* the choreographer explores Chaplin's idea of creating a surreal version of the death of Christ.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

AMERICAN MUSIC CLUB: Once an underground phenomenon, the big-voiced Mark Eitzel and his band have enjoyed a high profile since the release of their spellbinding album of country-tinged ballads, *Mercury*.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-434 0403), Sun, 7pm

ST MATTHEW PASSION: The Bach Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra join forces in Bach's oratorio, with soloists including Robert Tear (Evangelist), David Wilson-Johnson (Christus) and Felicity Lott.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 11am.

THE FEINSTEIN ENSEMBLE: Flautist Martin Feinstein leads his respected ensemble in trios by Haydn, Weber and Martinu (with a complimentary glass of sherry in the interval)
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 8pm.

ZILA: A programme of South African township music performed by the group founded by the late Dudu Pukwana.
7 Dials Club, 46 Earlham Street, WC2 (071-328 9613), tomorrow, 8pm.

THE JAYHAWKS: The start of a tour for the Minneapolis band with the rootsy, country blues sound
Mean Fiddler, 24-28a High Street, NW10 (081-961 5490), tonight, 8pm.

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

REGIONAL

DORKING: The Haffner Ensemble performs works by Gounod (*Little Symphony for Wind Instruments*); Janáček (*Mladi*); and Dvořák (*Two Slavonic Dances* and *Serenade, Op 44*)
Dorking Halls, Pixham End (0306 884206), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

HUDDERSFIELD: Contemporary Dance group **Motionhouse** presents its rich-textured *Arcadia*, a collaboration with the Spanish installation artist Rosa Sanchez which takes its inspiration from Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude*.
Venn St Arts Centre, Red Doles Lane (0484 513808), tonight, 7.30pm.

OXFORD: The celebrated violinist **Kyung-Wha Chung** plays sonatas by Beethoven.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street (0865 864056), tomorrow, 8pm.

PORTSMOUTH: The distinguished pianist Dmitri Alexeev performs Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* in a concert with the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**. Kees Bakels also conducts Strauss's symphonic poem *Don Juan* and Dvořák's Fifth Symphony.
Guildhall (0705 824355), tonight, 7.30pm.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: The Pan African dance ensemble **Adzido** continues to reach out into the community with educational residencies and performances throughout the year. Tonight they reflect the tradition and culture of African dancing and drumming in *Behind the Mask*.
Trinity Theatre, (0308 24204), tonight, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Multi-award winning Broadway musical by Larry Gelbart and Cy Coleman.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE**: Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Tues, 2.30pm. 140mins.

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **MISERY**: Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

◪ **UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE**: Sex, selfishness and serial murder: scorching production of Canadian Brad Fraser's passionate debut play.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MR NANNY (PG): Hulk Hogan acts as nanny to a brilliant inventor's problem kids. Overly violent vehicle for the wrestling giant. Director, Michael Gottlieb.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (18): Unnecessary remake of George Romero's shoestring classic of 1968. Tom Savini directs Tony Todd and Patricia Tallman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zeta Jones. Director, Robert Young.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games; a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **THE CRYING GAME** (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **HOFFA** (15): A star turn by Jack Nicholson as a labour leader with mob connections, but a dull David Mamet script. Director, Danny DeVito.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino).
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

WIND (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually luxurious but water-logged drama about the America's Cup race.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WITTGENSTEIN: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** has a mainly disappointing evening on the fringe

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Drill Hall Arts Centre,
London WC1

MARILYN KINGWILL



Robert Hale and Olwen May in *Entering Queens*: least successful of the three pieces at the Drill Hall

A MAGPIE, a bull's-eye and a miss count as eccentric marksmanship in rifle-shooting. No less so in the theatre, where Gay Sweatshop frame David Greenspan's innovative and poetic *Jack* with an old-fashioned monologue by Claire Dowie and a boring muddle by Phyllis Nagy. A minor irritation of the evening is the partisan audience, not for being partisan, but for receiving each play with equal rapture, even greeting the end with an outburst of whoops of the kind increasingly heard applauding a broadcast concert, where it sounds as if the conductor has finally whipped off his G-string.

A more serious matter is the revelation that the Dowie and the Nagy are both commissioned pieces, unlike the Greenspan which played in New York five summers ago and was given a public rehearsed reading at the Theatre Upstairs last year. Dowie's contribution feels like an early work, Nagy's is un-thought out and incoherent, and it is worrying that the Gay Sweatshop directors were insensitive to this.

Dowie began her career as a monologuist and in **Drag Act** the words are spoken by Rose, a butch woman (Stacey Charlesworth), dressed like a man. A patient drag queen allows her to strip him of his sequinned gown, and they end up wearing each other's outfits. The course of this double crossover can be foreseen from *the moment Rose loads her eyes with* false lashes, and *the point of it all is that* she never wanted to wear a frock as a girl, but if she can do it as a drag queen, that's different. What she says of her uncomprehending family sounds really antiquated, complaints of the lack of understanding that studdded gay and lesbian plays a dozen years ago.

Nagy's *Weldon Rising* was well received earlier this year, but **Entering Queens** is quirky for the sake of being cute. Timorous Ruby (Olwen May), victim of a ghastly mother, comes to Putney and finds stuffed birds, racial intolerance and lesbian love. Robert Hale is also involved. It is very typical of American playwrights, particularly women, to lard their work with scientific facts told in tones of enthusiasm. Here we learn about the eye-colour of numerous birds and some habits of the spiny lobster. Half-way through, I wrote on my programme, "I want to go home".

Like many plays written in response to Aids, Greenspan's account of Jack "and how he got sick" extends dramatic form to tell the story as a cascade of fragments. Three female speakers, reading from pages on music stands, voice a brilliant counterpoint of phrases, confiding, arguing, even joking, about Jack, his friend John and yet another terrible mother. Jack, though by now dead, contributes one significant memory, but mostly it is the three women, hesitant, searching for words, cutting in with suggestions like members of a string trio and Jack the solo bass. I do not know why the directors (Lois Weaver, James Neale-Kennerley) give the women nylon wigs and perch them on big silver balls. Glitter and be gay is a principle best left to *Candide*.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Premature burial not quite the rite stuff

Life Beyond the Grave
BBC 2

TYPICAL. You settle down to watch a documentary about Richard Wilson, whose work you enjoy, and you get a self-presented *This Is Your Life*, cobbled together with clips from films, plays and his two most recent series, a faked-up return to his home town and a lot of "luvvies" saying how wonderful he is. And *then* you discover, looking at the small print in *Radio Times* and the blasted date on the credits — of course, it would be in Roman numerals, wouldn't it, so nobody will notice — that it was made *last year* and has been shown on BBC Scotland. I ask you, Margaret, what sort of a television company *is* this?

The above would surely be the reaction of Victor Meldrew, Wilson's character in the comedy series *One Foot in the Grave*, to this curious misbreed of a programme, directed by Jane Rogerson for BBC Scotland's "Ex-S" series. There were incidental pleasures, of course, as there would in anything involving such a funny, perceptive and articulate subject. But Wilson, whose own directorial skills had sadly not been called upon, seemed torn between embarrassment at the obituary-like nature of the exercise and professional determination to give good value as a confessional interviewee.

The visit to a rainy but rhapsodically photographed Greenock, his home town, involved too many helicopter sweeps and too many shots of his car's windscreen (muffled banter with actor/chauffeur Gerard Kelly). There were too few moments such as Wilson's reflections from the stage of the school where he gave his first performance, in a mime version of *The Princess and the Pea*, or the meeting with his drama teacher, Mabel: "I told you not to talk through your teeth. And you do it on television yet!"

Sheila Hancock (barely) and Annette Crosbie avoided gushing too stickily about Wilson's undoubted talents; Angus Deayton and *One Foot* author David Renwick added a little vinegar to the syrup. Antony Sher contributed a few telling comments, which must have been difficult with Wilson sitting a few feet away.

Wilson's intellectual approach and lightning reactions are allied to an instinct for clowning which was slow to come to the fore, but is now the hinge of his success as Meldrew. As he said, in the frustratingly short direct-to-camera sequences, he originally had ambitions to become a vet or go to sea. "But deep down I thought I might be an actor one day... It was a great relief to me when I discovered a glass of beer would allow me to say I will become an actor, and gave me the confidence to state my ideas."

Wilson already appears in at least one television commercial in Meldrew mode, and provides an irritated, Meldrew-style voice-over for another. This programme itself capitalised on his popularity: perhaps the Meldrews should retire for a while, and let Wilson get on with being one of our better directors.

TONY PATRICK

CONCERT: A last-minute change of plan brings streamlined new life to an old favourite

Beethoven brinkmanship

Philharmonia/ Gardiner
Festival Hall

RATHER too many concerts have had their programmes changed in the last couple of weeks. The reasons have been various: occasionally genuine illness, more often the perceived need to keep audiences/sponsors happy, or the convenience of aligning concert activity with recording commitments.

The main work in the concert marking the annual rendezvous of the Philharmonia with John Eliot Gardiner had already been changed from Britten's Spring Symphony to Elgar's Second some time ago — for reasons not unconnected with the conductor's recording schedule. But those arriving at the Festival Hall on Wednesday evening to hear the distinguished pianist Maria-João Pires in Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto were in for a further disappointment. Pires had been battling illness all day, succumbing only an hour before.

Given that the substituted work, Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, had to be performed without any rehearsal at all, one could have forgiven Gardiner for playing safe and delivering a more or less routine account of the work. On the contrary, he ripped into it, combining the trenchancy of a period-style approach with the weight and the power gained through the use of a modern-instrument orchestra.

The Allegretto was a characteristically streamlined affair, while the speed of the Scherzo similarly relied on the solid skills and professionalism of the Philharmonia to see it through — an expectation not disappointed.

Even less predictable was the reading of the Elgar. One might have been prepared for Gardiner's stripping away of excess late Romantic fat and Edwardian pomp, but not for the uncompromisingly frank way in which it was done, or the revelatory results. Instead of the luscious warm tones of a Barbirolli or a Boult, we had a severely analytical highlighting of instrumental colours. The high E-flat clarinet and piccolo shrieked as never before; the brass cut in with brutal interjections underpinned by the booming tuba. It was not a beautiful performance, but it had a rawness and an energy that generated a rare incandescence.

The protecting skin of Edwardian grandiloquence was mercilessly peeled away to reveal the nerves and sinews beneath — the premonitions of the horrors shortly to come in the first world war. I have heard more beautifully played, more evenly textured performances of Elgar Two, but none more searching or disturbing.

BARRY MILLINGTON

ENTERTAINMENTS

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: The rise and rise of the DJ . . . and a timely return to form by a Seventies star



RUI VIEIRA

Rock City, in Nottingham: club nights are now big business, tapping into one of the most profitable sections of the market — the student population — and pleasing the accountants into the bargain

It pays to jockey for pole position

Venues that once presented live bands are increasingly turning over the controls to disc jockeys. David Nicolson reports

The Seventies revival has not only brought back flared trousers, platform shoes and fun fur. It has also shone new light on the idea of the DJ as a pop personality. And clubs have been quick to ride on the back of the DJ's new-found popularity; venues which once gave every night over to live music are now turning to a DJ with a record collection. In the disco of the present, disc jockeys are the stars and big sounds, big bucks and big takings are putting the gig enterprises of some concert halls into limbo.

Whatever their origins, club nights are tapping into one of the most profitable sections of the market — the student population — and appeasing marketing men and accountants in the process. Clubs are big business and not so much the "large-bouncer-on-the-door, heavy-price-for-drinks-and-the-fight-half-way-through-the-night" if you please, which is ceasing to be the traditional view of evenings out in Nineties club-land. Getting down to your local venue, whether in Brighton or Birmingham, which may have seen the profit in staging club nights, can mean opportunities for relatively unknown but talented DJs.

A couple of turntables to their credit, and a following gained from private parties and pub guest spots, can give rise to a package: book the DJ and his supporters will follow. Some of the most unlikely and nondescript people seem to run the most successful clubs at venues and reap large monetary benefits as a result.

From London to the regions, clubs are changing. Sheffield's Leadmill, for example, is attracting what promotions manager Graham Wrench calls the "office worker" — council employees, bank staff and people in the leisure industry — to its weekly and monthly club events. Targeting these groups has brought in an estimated 70 per cent return on party bookings.

"In the arts world we're seen as a funny mixture as we're not a nightclub and we stage live bands, but there is a lot of expectation from bands who see a club night as a waste of a night," says Wrench.

This so-called waste is currently indispensable to the Leadmill, which could not be involved in its current operation without the 50 per cent overall income it derives from clubs held there. Local bands do continue to play the Leadmill, but even despite the success of Suede, Wrench is convinced that British bands have lost their direction.

This opinion is echoed by Steve Phelan, manager of the Leeds Town and Country Club venue. Yet although wary of customer needs, he is in no hurry to run a "disco" and move the T&C across to total club status.

"We've been approached to do them [clubs], but I'd rather make things more interesting, like bands picking their favourite films after a gig," he says. For example, the *Godfather* could be screened after the Godfathers have played, the *Blues Brothers* after the Blues Brothers; but what could be shown after a Morrissey gig?

Five nights per month at the T&C Leeds are already devoted to clubs; a weekly Seventies night, the Love Train, started as a follow-on to London's Locomotion. But, according to Nottingham's Rock City, the rise in popularity of club nights started about eight years ago. Originally adopted at Rock City, they have since been used as a benchmark for countrywide club trends.

Andy Copping, Rock City promoter, explains: "We saw that no one was catering for the student, rock, and alternative scenes: in the beginning we had coach parties coming from Bristol and Glasgow." Not content to reap the reputation of Rock City, with Stiff Little Fingers, the Shamen and Therapy? proving to be sell-out gigs, up to 5,000 people pack Rock City from Thursday to Saturday each week when the clubs are staged.

Cambridge's Junction has become more money-conscious in the recession, especially in hard-hit East Anglia. However, as Junction director Paul Bogen explains, despite his venue's origins in the community's needs, and despite its progressive marketing strategy, the Junction is not a nightclub.

"People know beer won't be £3 a pint, there won't be bouncers everywhere, and we don't have a nightclub's facilities," he says. Like Rock City, the Junction has experienced 1992 as its most profitable year, increasing profit by 20 per cent, something easily attributed to the sell-out success of the venue's clubs.

"The clubs are the only thing guaranteed to make money and they are the mainstay of the operation because they mean less expense, and have kept the Junction open for the last three months," says Bogen.

An accountant would know which to prefer, between a live band and a club: large live bands can cost up to £3,000 compared to a mere £500 to hire a DJ and his records for the night. Club nights eliminate the necessity of hiring technicians, or even feeding and watering a band, and clubs which can sell out the Junction could probably be run as a successful business venture in their own right.

Bogen does admit that one club success, a Seventies event entitled Boogie Wonderland, leaves him thinking that people are literally associating that club with the "good times" of times past. "Bands no longer have a real individual to front them, and that's why I think Boogie Wonderland is so popular — the Seventies made fun of itself: people applaud at the end of the night, it's a real event," he says.

It seems that most, if not all, of these venues have some financial interest, if not reliance, on the clubs they stage. This may have coincided at just the right time with a prolonged downturn in the number of bands touring: promoting "safe bets" such as the Stereo MCs and Suede perhaps indicates record companies are now prepared to take fewer risks, and in so doing, are leaving a gap which has been filled by other live music, whether disco, techno, garage, or indie club nights.

The Cambridge experience was summed up by Bogen: "I remember we had Carter USM and they sold 250 tickets first time round. Now they're a big venue act, but I think you have to book a band before they release their first single: you just can't put bands on that will sell out."

SEVEN DAYS

OUT AND ABOUT THIS WEEK

QUOTE: "We want our gigs to be events. I want people to fight to come and see us. We're putting everything into it and it's incredibly rude if the audience don't." **Brett Anderson.**

FESTIVAL: Sheffield Sound City '93: Massive six-day event starting on Monday, featuring a cast of thousands participating and performing at venues in and around Sheffield. Daily round of conferences, workshops, seminars, films and gigs, many of them broadcast live on Radio 1 FM from 7.30pm each night. Highlights include New Model Army at Hallam University SU (0742 738934) Tues; World Party/Saint Etienne/The Auteurs at the Leadmill (0742 754500) Wed; Living Colour/The Fall at Hallam University SU, Wed; Lemonheads at the Leadmill, Thurs; Stereo MC's at the Leadmill, Fri 9.

RADIO: The David Bowie Story (Radio 1, tomorrow, 2pm) First of a six-part series, in conversation with Paul Gambaccini.

SINGLES: New Order: "Regret" (London INT 857121) First single since their 1990 chart-topper, "World In Motion", and first taster of the long-awaited album *Republic* (May 4). Languorous melody, insistent beat and a nagging chorus suggest another winner. **Aerosmith:** "Livin' On The Edge" (Geffen GFSTD 35) Jangly guitar undercurrent and a socially concerned lyric, but the beat is as much of a heavy grind as ever.

EP: Everything But The Girl: *The Only Living Boy In New York* (Blanco Y Negro 4509-92213) Four new recordings released a month ahead of the forthcoming greatest hits album, *Home Movies*. The title track is a stylish cover of the Paul Simon song and there is also a winsome harmony version of Neil Young's "Birds".

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Prince: tickets now on sale for this summer's British dates

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

The last moment in history when German music registered on the UK rock clapometer was during the era of Kraftwerk, Tangerine Dream and Can. Defenders of the acoustic guitar may shudder at the mere mention of such names, but where synthesizers bleep, German musicians will thrive and prosper.

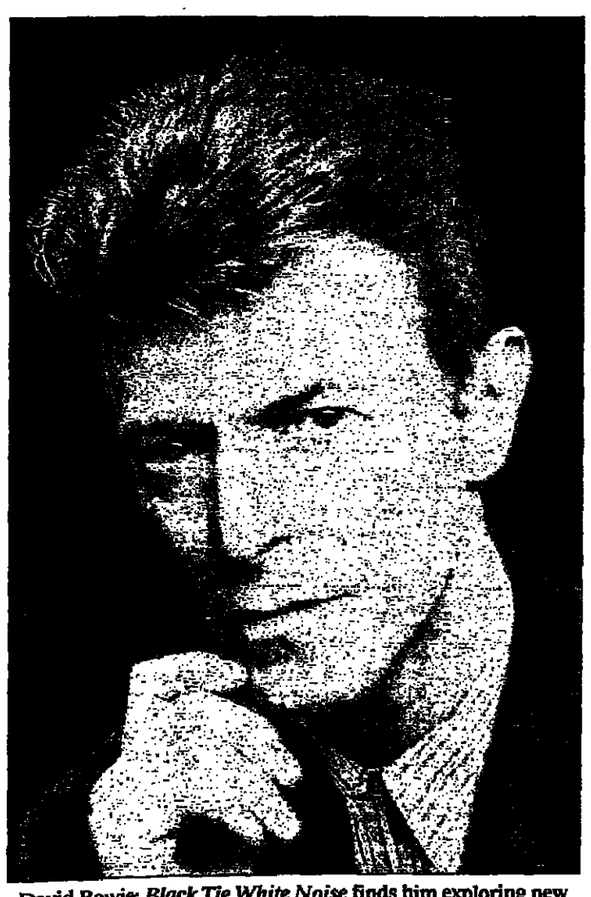
Sven Väth (to be rhymed with fate) looks like an anarchist punk but the sound he creates is neither anarchic nor punkish. Heading a tidal wave of Frankfurt producers and DJs, Väth's first album, *Accident in Paradise*, could be a soundtrack for the urban pilgrims who travel to Goa, Bali and Phuket in search of indigenous bliss enlivened by the heartbeat pulse of imported electronic drums.

Trance for the information age or new age without the treacle, this is music which strikes a clever balance between machines and didgeridoos. Väth has even recorded source material himself during his travels in India. Yes, he is the Nineties' answer to Tangerine Dream, but better to welcome a new, improved version than have to persevere with the original.

Connoisseurs of Euro-pop will remember "Electric Salsa" by Off, the typically addictive piece of EC froth which hit the European and Latin-American charts in 1986. Väth was a member of Off, so knows how to combine adventurous ideas with melodies that stick in the brain. "Ritual of Life", the first UK single, charges along in the best German tradition, yet intriguing sounds and samples duck in and out from this march of the machines.

DAVID TOOP

RECORDS: David Sinclair reviews a David Bowie album of 'carefully poised brilliance', and 'a cathedral of noise' from Sugar



David Bowie: Black Tie White Noise finds him exploring new avenues while making careful reference to his past triumphs

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Suede**	Suede (Nude)
2	**Songs of Faith and Devotion**	Depeche Mode (Virgin)
3	**Taxi**	Bryan Ferry (Virgin)
4	**A Real Live One**	Iron Maiden (EMI)
5	**Their Greatest Hits**	Hot Chocolate (EMI)
6	**Are You Gonna Go My Way**	Lenny Kravitz (Virgin America)
7	**The Bodyguard**	Various (Arista)
8	**Unplugged**	Eric Clapton (Duck)
9	**The Very Best of Randy Crawford**	Randy Crawford (Dino)
10	**Automatic for the People**	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)

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Hero is back on the right track

DAVID BOWIE
Black Tie White Noise
(Arista 74321 13697)

YOU'VE got to admire the man's timing. Like a surfer effortlessly riding the seventh wave, David Bowie has achieved a remarkable return to form at the precise moment that a new generation has become fixated on the early 1970s, a period when his godhead status was a fact of life.

Brett Anderson of Suede, who is as plugged into the zeitgeist of rock in 1993 as it is possible to be, worships the ground that Bowie walks on. Morrissey has enlisted the services of ex-Spiders From Mars guitarist Mick Ronson as producer of his album, *Your Arsenal*, and its follow-up, which is still being recorded. The Auteurs' superlative debut, *New Wave*, is littered with Bowie-esque references to stars, stardust and starchildren. And so on.

But that's not all. *Black Tie White Noise* is the first album to be delivered under the terms of Bowie's new contract with the Arista label, and Bowie is clearly benefiting from the honeymoon effect. The relaunch of such an artist is a highly visible test of the record company's virility, and corporate muscle is being flexed in no uncertain terms. What with the silent television ads, the *Blade Runner*-type images of Bowie projected on to the exteriors of West End record stores, the full-page ads in the press and the poster campaign in cities around the country, the "spend" on promoting this album has already been phenomenal, and it isn't even released until Monday. Further campaigns will last right up to Christmas.

In an age so bereft of real heroes, one also senses that pundits and public alike are desperate to forgive Bowie the sins of the 1980s and bring him in from the cold. The ferocious backlash which he suffered for the lacklustre albums *Tonight* (1984) and *Never Let Me Down* (1987) has long since blown itself out. The indignation with which even ardent Bowie fans responded to his sojourn with Tin Machine has been fully vented. It is time to welcome him back, and the rush to acknowledge this album as Bowie's best work since *Scary Monsters* in 1980 suggests that even a half-decent collection of songs would have done the trick.

In the event, Bowie has produced an album of carefully poised brilliance that does indeed bear comparison with the best of his work from the mid-1970s onwards. Combining the electro-funk rhythms and synthesizer sounds which characterised albums like *Station To Station* and *Heroes* with a nimble, jazzy touch quite unlike anything he has committed to disc before, *Black Tie White Noise* finds Bowie exploring new avenues with careful reference to past triumphs.

> 'Bowie's new album bears comparison with his best work'

Aided by a cast including virtuoso trumpeter Lester Bowie, guitarists Mick Ronson and Reeves Gabrels, pianist Mike Garson (best known for his contributions to *Aladdin Sane*) and producer Nile Rodgers (architect of *Let's Dance*), Bowie applies a firm touch to songs which echo his most powerful work without replicating it.

Central to the purpose of the album is a new element of self-examination and personal revelation. Unlike many of his peers — Springsteen, Gabriel, Sting and others — the idea of using his music to chronicle his own life and times is something new to Bowie. In the past his best work has always come cloaked in the mystique of various borrowed or invented personae.

But starting with an instrumental called "The Wedding", written to be played at his marriage last year to Iman, this album strikes a new tone of emotional realism. On tracks such as the wistful ballad "Don't Let Me Down and Down", the mood of romantic optimism is clearly linked to his much advertised real-life love of a good woman.

On a darker note, the current hit single, "Jump They Say", is a reflection on the suicide of his half-brother, who threw himself under a train in 1985, while the album's title track is an attempt to make sense of last year's riots in Los Angeles, which Bowie witnessed at alarmingly close quarters.

For all its relevance and charm, the album is not without its weaknesses. "The Wedding Song" with its ethereal string arrangement and Bowie crooning "I believe in magic" gets a little cloying, while Bowie's saxophone playing — which seems to be featured more on this album than on all his previous outings put together — could be described as valiant, at best.

But with so many options available to him, *Black Tie White Noise* is essentially the result of Bowie recovering his ability to make good choices, right down to the inclusion of two superb cover versions: a hard, techno-noir version of Cream's "I Feel Free" and a wondrously bathetic version of Morrissey's "I Know It's Going To Happen Someday" which recalls Bowie's epic vocal performance on "Life On Mars".

As 1993 turns ever more inexorably into a rerun of 1973, it's time to greet again the man who fell on his feet.

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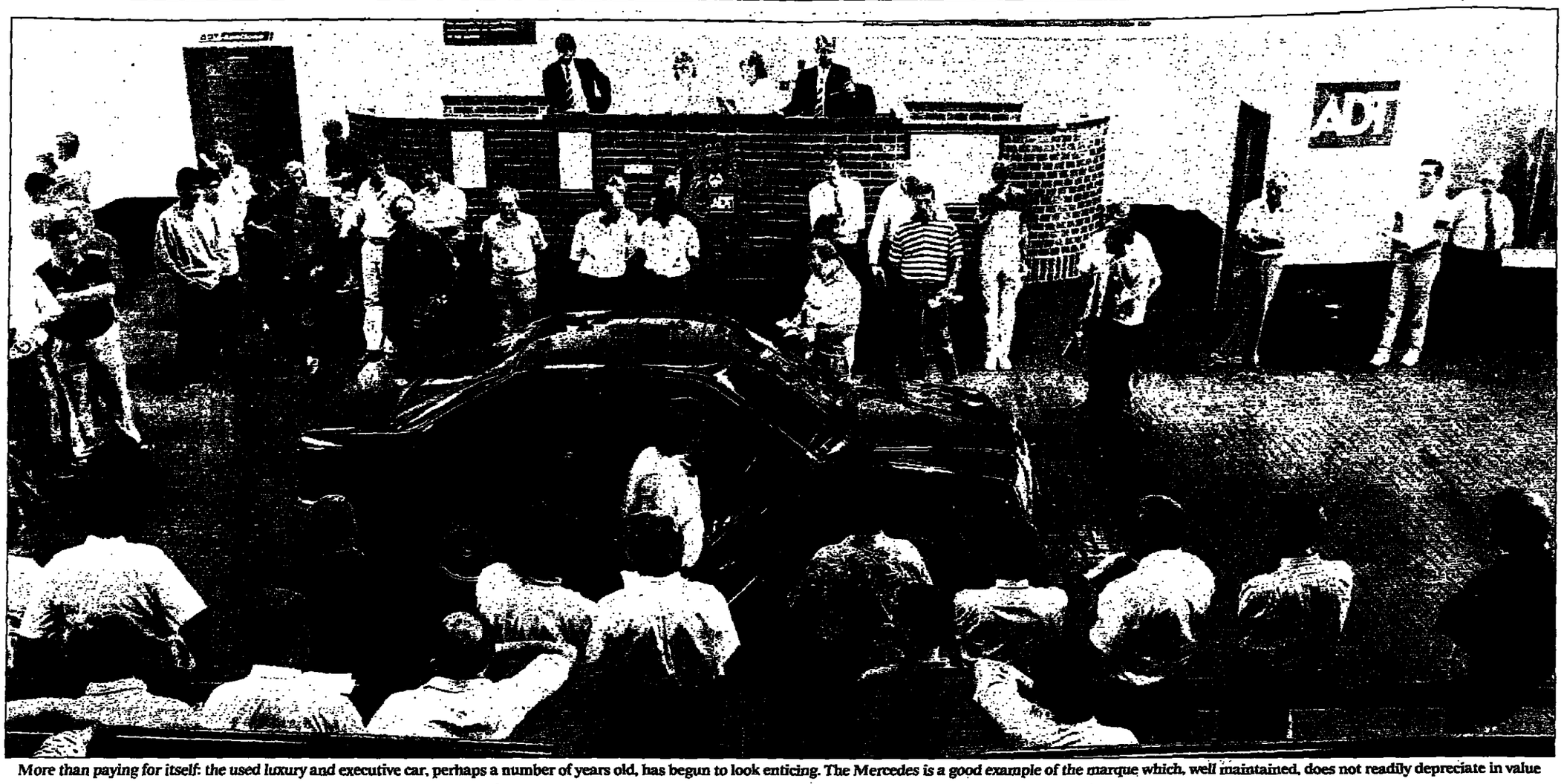
RECORDED in a week of studio time left over at the end of the sessions which produced last year's groundbreaking debut *Copper Blue*, *Beaster* is a six-track, 30-minute rumination on life, death and the darker ramifications of the Easter story.

Lashed by a hurricane-force guitar sound, the wordless, gothic chant of "Come Around" and sepulchral melody of "Judas Cradle" bob about like corks in a mountainous sea. On the best track, "JC Auto", a monstrous riff flattens all in its path while Sugar supremo Bob Mould immodestly casts himself as a latterday Jesus bleeding to death on the cross.

Rarely has a band rocked out with such bleak intensity and utter conviction. A vast cathedral of noise and despair, erected and demolished in half-an-hour flat, this is an album which really needs to be heard to be believed.



QUALITY USED CARS



More than paying for itself: the used luxury and executive car, perhaps a number of years old, has begun to look enticing. The Mercedes is a good example of the marque which, well maintained, does not readily depreciate in value

The prestige way to cut your losses

Some motoring experts believe that demand for executive cars is about to make its biggest change for several decades. **Steve Cropley** on why used luxury cars are cheaper to own than they used to be

If you believe the financial commentators, Mr Lamont's latest Budget has cast large and luxurious company cars into outer darkness.

It was no surprise. For the past several years, the Chancellor has made a particular target of executive saloons, models which drivers successful in business prefer, but do not strictly need. This time he really went on the attack by announcing a "simplified" company car tax system for 1994-95 which has already begun to force users of company cars into smaller models, or out of company cars altogether.

The more candid makers of executive cars are admitting that they anticipate a sharp decline in sales of executive cars, cars best defined as those that are bigger than a Vauxhall Cavalier and cost more than £15,000. According to Rover Group, whose 800 model was market leader in 1992, executive car sales accounted for as much as 9 per cent of all car sales through the 1980s but now are not much above 6 per cent of a smaller market.

It would be wrong, however, to imagine that all top cars are under a cloud. Used executive and luxury models, perhaps several years old and considerably cheaper than in the showroom, suddenly look very enticing to the driver who prefers a Ford Granada or Volvo 960, but has decided to buy and run his or her own car and save the tax.

There are several reasons why this makes sense:

Executive cars, even after several years, are more comfortable and refined than newer, more basic models. Even the cheaper models tend to be very well equipped.

Most recent cars in the class are reliable and well-made. Over the past five years the executive car market has been cut-throat. To live in it, makers of cars such as the Ford Granada, Vauxhall Carlton and Rover 800 have had to approach the standards of the prestige leaders, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

At present, cast-off business cars are relatively cheap to buy. They have tended to shed early value at a much faster rate than small hatchback cars, for the very reason that buyers can be hard to find.

Many used prestige cars are cheaper to own than they used to be. Strides made in reliability, together with recent simplification of service routines and lengthening of service periods mean that the running costs of a middle-range Mercedes or Jaguar can be within many drivers' means, especially those receiving compensation for using their own car for business.

As a bonus, executive and luxury cars from a company fleet are usually maintained regardless of cost. Fleet managers understand that stamped-up service books improve resale values, so most prime cars have been well looked after.

Some experts believe that demand for big cars is about to make its biggest change for several decades. John Coates, the motor trade specialist for *Autocar & Motor*, says: "Mr Lamont may not have done the 'perk' car driver any favours, but he has done well by the increasing number of private motorists. The person who up to now has been driving a 2-litre saloon priced just under the £19,250 tax break limit may well find it makes more sense to buy his own car on the used market."

Mr Coates believes that the manufacturers who will feel this wind of change most, and whose cars will represent the biggest bargains over the months ahead, are the volume makers who do not have big names to go with their big cars: Ford, Vauxhall, Renault, Citroën and Peugeot.

Others agree, notably Jay Nagley, the director of the London-based motor industry consultancy, Marketing Systems. Whereas the proportion of total car sales contributed by a group of eight "ordinary" executive car builders (Ford, Vauxhall, Renault, Peugeot, Citroën, Toyota, Fiat and Rover) declined from 4.2 per cent to 3.7 per cent between 1982 and 1992, the contribution from a group of eight big names (Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Honda, Audi and Saab) roared ahead from 1.33 per cent to 3.05 per cent.

"The upper end of the prestige market remains durable even in hard times," Mr Nagley says. "But users of lesser big cars discover that when times are tough they can get on just as well with a Vauxhall Cavalier or a Ford Mondeo. That releases their former cars into a market which, more and more, will provide homes for them to go to."

But not everything has changed. Used executive and luxury cars over four years old remain attractive to company users because the scale charges they attract are considerably lower than those on cars under four years old, and they are calculated on the low list prices that ruled when they were new. So whereas today's new Ford Scorpio 2-litre (list price £22,000) attracts a taxable benefit of £6,210, a four-year-old Mercedes-Benz 200E (list price March 1989 £17,988) would put only £3,220 on its driver's taxable income.

Those two cars also show the stark difference that exists between new and used executive cars when it comes to the biggest motoring cost of all, depreciation.

One of the slowest depreciating cars of all, the Mercedes (four years old, in the right colour, with 40,000 miles and a guarantee) would cost about £13,000 from an official dealer. In three years, when seven years old, it should still be worth about £7,500 as a trade-in, which means its owner will have lost £5,500 plus running costs. The new Ford, one of the faster-depreciating executive cars and at present priced at £22,000, would be worth no more than £10,000 as a trade-in after the same three years. Its owner would have lost £12,000 (more than double the Mercedes owner's cost) over the same period.

If the pundits are right, cast-off executive cars are poised to become abruptly more attractive to business and private users alike, but the wise buyer will be one who times his purchase to avoid the worst of the early depreciation.

TOP TIPS FOR BUYING A USED CAR

- Choose something with a proven mechanical reputation, reasonable servicing costs and fashionable image.
- Buy the best specification you can afford. Sports and high spec cars always sell at a premium.
- Assertive colours such as red, black or metallics sell best. A drab colour can knock off as much as 20 per cent a car's value.
- A car that has had a few owners depreciates much slower than one that has been round the world. Mileage is all. Check with the last owner before you buy.
- Rough cars and rough people go together. Buy from reputable dealers or private sellers, not from shady types in service stations.
- Never buy without a service history and a reassuring number of main agent rubber stamps.
- If in doubt, have it inspected by the AA, RAC or National Breakdown. There is no dishonour in knowing your limitations.

Finding value on the road

The recent rapid depreciation of new cars has made buying quality used vehicles even better sense

Depreciation is a fact of life for car manufacturers. But the rate at which cars lose value has accelerated sharply over the last two to three years, with some executive models dropping by nearly half inside a year, according to motor trade price guides.

A Ford Granada 2.9 Ghia, which in early 1992 carried a list price of £23,000, now has a "trade" value of less than £13,000. While this may be an extreme example, the track record of many more modest cars is little better: a Vauxhall Cavalier 1.8GLS which last August cost £13,655, has already suffered nearly 38 per cent depreciation.

Such fearsome depreciation is clearly due in part to the recession, and the picture has been slightly distorted owing to the abolition of the 10 per cent Special Car Tax, which has left the list prices of most cars lower than a year ago. Manufacturers, however, have largely brought the problem on themselves, according to John Coates, the motor trade specialist for *Autocar & Motor* magazine.

The manufacturers, having offered vast discounts to large corporate buyers such as "daily rental" fleets, alleged by some observers to be as high as 40 per cent, Mr Coates says. "Depreciation is not based on the list price or what the private buyer pays, but on the huge discounts given to fleet buyers."

Certainly, the cars suffering the heaviest depreciation are volume-built executive models sold on price rather than user appeal: Vauxhall Carltons and Rover 800s drop just as fast as Ford Granadas. Large French cars have never held their values well, a point amply illustrated by the Citroen XM and Peugeot 605.

The cars which depreciate most slowly are low-volume models which are popular among company "user choosers" and private buyers — most German and Japanese marques. The cheaper versions of BMW's 3-Series enjoy a high residual value, the 318i (£16,170) retaining 80 per cent of its value at the end of the first year. In common with Mercedes-Benz, BMW protects residuals as best it can by ensuring that supply never runs wildly ahead of demand. In the past. Audis have never held their value well, but first-year residuals of the new 80 2-litre models are strong.

Japanese marques enjoy good residuals not only because of unfaltering reliability, but because they are sold against a restricted supply to private customers who rarely get big discounts.

However with the new breed of "transplant" Japanese cars built in Britain aimed at fleet buyers, they cannot be expected to hold their value as well as those imported under the 11 per cent quota. Whereas a Mazda 626GLX 2.0 costing £14,626 last year has now dropped 23 per cent, the Sunderland-built Nissan Primera 2.0eGT costing £16,850 has lost some 30 per cent.

At which point should used car buyers step in to take best advantage? The three-year stage is usually a good time to buy. A 1990 G-registered Saab CD 2.0i saloon with 36,000 miles can be bought privately for little more than £7,000 (new price at present: £17,245). This is a quality car guaranteed to give years of good service. It is an irony not lost on manufacturers that their cars, immeasurably more durable than 15 years ago, now suffer heavier depreciation than ever before. There are some in the industry, however, who believe that depreciation has bottomed out.

A 1990 Saab CD 2.0i can be bought for £7,000

Leslie Allen, the managing editor of the used car trade's indispensable *Glass's Guide*, says, "Depreciation will lessen as the used car market picks up. There was nothing in the Budget that would knock confidence, and we have seen a notable drop in the depreciation of luxury cars. There is even a shortage of some models such as mid-range Mercedes-Benzes and Porsches, due to the low level of new sales over several years."

Furthermore, with revised company car taxation due for 1994-95 which directly apportions tax liability to list price, manufacturers will have less incentive to discount to win company business, and this may harden residuals.

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BMW has quickly built a formidable reputation

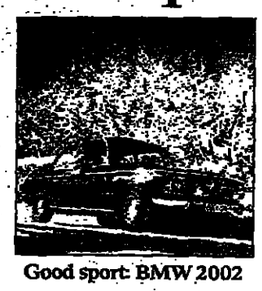
Quality gets top marque

BMW sold just 500 cars in Britain in 1966, when the marque was first introduced here, an era when the famous blue and white quartered BMW badge was more closely associated with motorcycles and aero engines. After all, BMW was formed in 1916 to build aircraft engines which were used by, among others, the first world war ace Baron von Richthofen.

Last year, for the first time, BMW's total production outstripped that of its competitor, Mercedes-Benz, and reached 595,000. It is less than 20 years since BMW production first crossed the 200,000 threshold. Total sales in 1992 rose to $20.1 billion (about £13 billion), compared to $393 million in 1979. In 1992, BMW sold 40,672 cars in Britain to take its biggest share of the UK market, at 2.55 per cent.

So delighted are BMW dealers, not only with the number of cars they are selling, new and used, as well as with the healthy profit margins that such high specification cars generate, that BMW has just been voted the second most valuable car franchise in the United Kingdom, just behind Mitsubishi.

The change in fortunes can be traced to 1972 when BMW launched its first 5-Series range of four-door saloons. They were soon followed by the smaller, three-door 3-Series, the sporting 6-Series coupés and large 7-Series. Reviewing this watershed, the company's own history book says: "The 5-Series took BMW out of the market niche focusing entirely on sports, and created a broader operating base for the company. All BMW model series had now been fundamentally renewed, all of them standing out as typical BMWs with a clear family resemblance but a very distinct contrast from the competition".



Good sport: BMW 2002

This string of cars, now in its third generation, has built up a formidable reputation as phenomenally well-engineered, with excellent second-hand values. A sporting reputation won in saloon car championships has added to the marque's allure and made BMW especially attractive to younger motorists.

BMW's shrewd marketing strategies also have helped build success. BMW made 595,000 cars last year, which makes it a small player in the world game. By comparison, General Motors sold 4.5 million cars in America alone last year. What it lacks in volume, BMW has compensated for by ensuring that each model is aimed at a specific market.

The effect of the strategy has been to create cars that retain their value. The latest figures from CAP Nationwide Motor Research show that after three years or 35,000 miles, a £22,100 BMW 520i will be worth £10,875, with depreciation at 51 per cent. Over the same period, a £22,815 3-litre Vauxhall Senator will have dropped 66 per cent of its value to £7,825, and a £22,065 Ford Granada 2.0i Scorpio will have dropped to £8,975.

The storming success of BMW over the past two decades has been guided by the 64-year-old managing board executive, Eberhard von Kuenheim, who has held the post for 23 years. Next month he relinquishes the post to Bernd Pischetsrieder, 45, the present chief of production, in a move acknowledged throughout the industry as epitomising BMW's commitment to maintaining its momentum.

Herr Pischetsrieder is known as a keen student of Japanese techniques of "lean manufacturing" and will be preparing the company for tougher times ahead.

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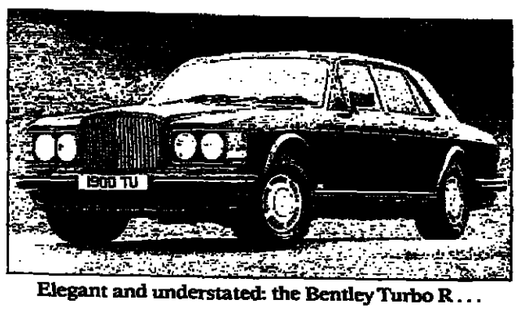
Quentin Willson details the best used vehicle bargains, those which are most likely to send motorists' hearts aflutter and bring out the cheque books

The top ten buys for bargain hunters

Second-hand cars are good news. The wisdom of buying brand new is being quietly questioned, and over the past couple of years there has been a boom in nearly-new cars. Cars registered in the past two years, with low mileages, are indistinguishable from new, yet cost only two-thirds of their new list price. Many would say that the only sensible car is a second-hand one.

However, there are used cars and there are used cars. Some depreciate like falling masonry while others shed their value at a more measured pace. Many can romp past 100,000 miles, but some need constant attention. A few are needlessly complicated and require a seven-fingered mechanic, but there are a handful that retain their value, are built to last and can be maintained cheaply.

These are the models that make the shrewdest buys of all, and the following can claim to form a "top ten" of quality used car buys (1991 H registration, 30,000 miles except where stated):



Elegant and understated: the Bentley Turbo R . . .

Mercedez-Benz 300SL (old shape): cost new £33,300. Four-year-old bargain: £20,000, 1989 G, 40,000. Not a car, but an icon. First appeared in 1971 and still turns heads. Excellent fittings, and feels as if it is hewn from stone. Not overly fast, but very cool. Name your price when selling. Very low depreciation. The simple six-cylinder engine means low servicing bills. Always on the most wanted list.

Volkswagen Golf GTi 16v: cost new £16,200. Two-year-old bargain: £8,000. One of the best "hot hatches", with an endearing cocktail of grip, gusto and practicability. 30mpg, £150 each service, and easily capable of 150,000 miles. Professional middle-class image too. Looking ever more attractive in the light of increasing insurance rates.

Vauxhall Senator 3.0 CDi 24v: cost new £26,500. Two-year-old bargain: £15,000. Outrageously cheap. Built in Germany, has all the appurtenances of gracious living — leather, air-conditioning, switchable suspension, heated seats, ABS (anti-skid brakes), and 150mph performance. Drama-free servicing from any Vauxhall dealer.

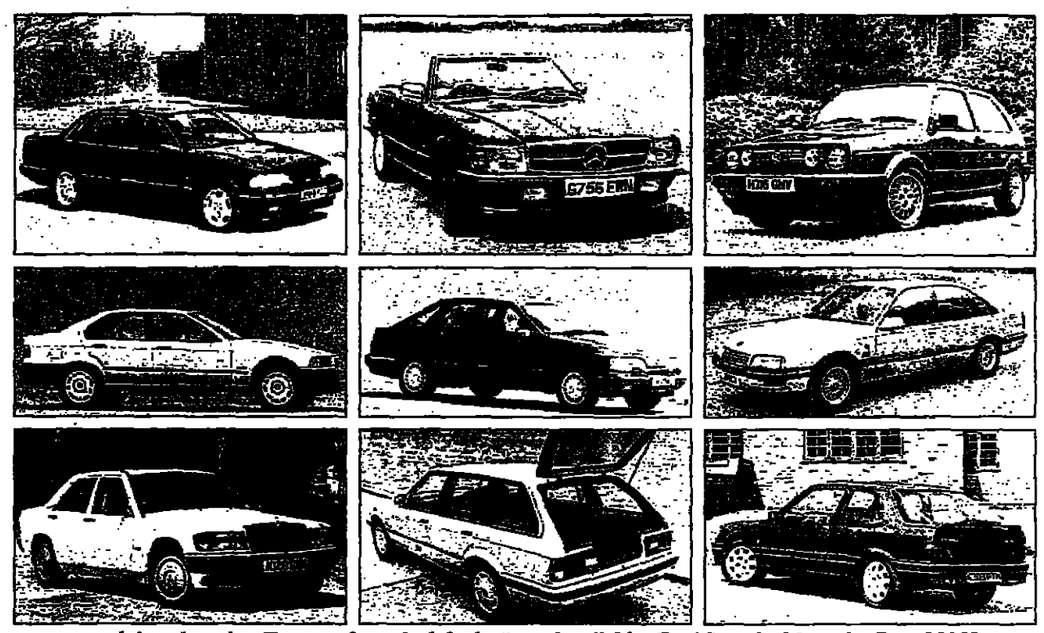
Ford Granada Scorpio 2.9: cost new £21,400. Two-year-old bargain: £10,000. Fast, snug and cheap to fix. Good specification, well-built and utterly reliable. Getting on in years, but still tremendous used value, and cuts a mild suburban dash too. Hatchback or saloon, and there is a Ford dealer in every town.

BMW 318i (new shape): cost new £16,100. Two-year-old bargain: £11,750. Sensible, affordable, long-term buy. Solid and special. Needs relatively little maintenance. A trendy image. Brilliant 5-speed automatic. Pleasing, well-engineered, package with brisk performance and urbane road manners. Evergreen resale and modest ownership costs.

Peugeot 309 1.9 GTi: cost new £14,200. Two-year-old bargain: £6,000. Rapid, resilient and respectable. Under those frumpy lines lurks an extremely capable machine. Pleasing grown-up image with lowish insurance. Mechanically straightforward, so servicing is not a worry. Five-door hatchback versatility too.

Ford Sierra 1.8 GLX: cost new £14,600. Two-year-old bargain: £6,000. Sane, strong, reliable, with predictable resale and running costs. Roomy, endearing hatchback, and mechanically simple. Built to last, with awesome high-mileage abilities. All those company reps cannot be wrong.

Mercedes-Benz 190E: cost new £19,200. Two-year-old bargain: £14,000. The accountant's choice. Depreciates at glacial speed. Compact Benz with handsome looks and lithe handling. Buy automatics only, with the best specification — the more options, the more they are worth. Smooth, reliable and not too expensive to live with. The approach of a replacement model means that 190 prices are easing. Much loved by dealers.



. . . and the other nine. Top row, from the left: the "utterly reliable" Ford Scorpio; Mercedes Benz 300SL, the "icon"; Volkswagen Golf GTi 16V. Middle row: BMW 318i (new shape); Ford Sierra 1.8CX; Vauxhall Senator CD 3.0i 24v. Bottom row: Mercedes Benz 190E 1.8; BMW 318i Touring; Peugeot 309 GTi

BMW 318i Touring (old shape): cost new, £17,000. Two-year-old bargain: £11,750. A trendy estate, with bearable costs and instant resale. A charming amalgam of practicality, aspirant image and Teutonic efficiency. The willing four-cylinder engine gives decent power and high-20s mpg. Beautifully built, plush and long-lived. An uptown carry-all.

Bentley Turbo R: cost new: £119,500. Two-year-old bargain: £55,000. Belongs to the top ten because of its omnicompetence. Absolute authority, prodigious performance with hand-built charm. Elegant, quiet and understated, but indecently quick when she hauls up her petticoats.

Demand is set to expand

The sales of quality used vehicles continue to rise, with three cars sold each year for every new car bought

The used market for prestige and quality cars is now so strong that prices for the right used car are actually rising. With signs that it will stay that way, manufacturers are increasingly moving in to buy and sell second-hand vehicles they first sold new.

Jaguar, for example, has just extended nationwide a pilot scheme to supply "Britain's best value Jaguars". Selected used vehicles, each less than five years old and guaranteed to have less than 50,000 miles on the clock, are totally refurbished to pristine factory condition, and sold with a three-year warranty to cover mechanical breakdown.

> 'We expect prices to remain strong, even to strengthen further'

The thinking behind Jaguar's move (BMW is among manufacturers running parallel schemes) is straightforward. New car sales this year are unlikely to pass 1.7 million, about 600,000 down on 1989's record figure. With fewer new cars being sold, profits are down. However, sales of used cars continue to rise, with three cars sold each year for every new car sold.

The reluctance to buy new and take on the first, and worst, year of depreciation on a new car, together with VAT and, until recently, Special Car Tax, has driven private and company car buyers towards the used car market.

As a result demand has grown at a time when, due to the new car trends of the past four years, supply has dwindled. There are simply fewer good quality used cars around. With 2.3 million new cars sold in 1989 there are today any number of three and four year old cars on the market.

Prestige vehicles are notorious for vast depreciation in the first 12 to 18 months of their life on the road. Mark Cowling, the chief economist with CAP Nationwide Motor Research, says: "Some companies are taking an increasingly close look at the potential cost saving resulting from buying low mileage, three to 12-month old vehicles as an alternative to downsizing or a reduction in specification."

For executive cars, the case for purchasing nearly new vehicles can be extremely persuasive in cash terms. Comparing a range of prestige quality cars costing £19,000 to £29,000 on the forecourt, CAP Nationwide found there were savings to be made of £3,740 to £9,470 if the private motorist or company car fleet manager bought a 1992 J-registered version of their preferred vehicle rather than a 1993 K-registered version.

Trevor Finn, the chief executive of Pendragon, a distributor that sells, among other marques, Audi, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche, BMW and Mercedes-Benz, says: "We are seeing an improvement in used car values, and that is really as a result of an increase in demand from the back end of last year.

"The problem is that for the customer looking for a two-year old Jaguar with 20,000 miles on the clock, that is a rare machine. Jaguar sold 14,000 cars new in Britain in 1989, compared to 5,800 in 1991 and 5,600 in 1992."

As a result, he says, prices for the right sort of used car are rising. A 1992 K-registered Mercedes 500 SL, for instance, was selling for slightly more than £56,000 in February. A month later, the same car was fetching £57,000.

He says: "There is a shortage of nice, used quality cars at the moment and that is unlikely to change in the near future. A used car is a good thing to buy now, and as more and more people decide they want them, prices may rise."

David Voss, the managing director of VELO, which specialises in supplying, leasing and renting prestige quality cars, especially to City finance houses, agrees. "Last year was pretty desperate for executive cars, particularly large executive cars. There have been definite signs of improvement recently. Prices for the right car have moved up quite substantially."

One noticeable change, Mr Voss says, is that those customers in the market for a quality car are not obsessed with having the latest model with the newest number plate: "People prefer to have a high specification car, regardless of its licence plate, than a newer car with a lower specification."

Peter Jagger, a senior economics editor with CAP Nationwide, says that because there is a finite number of such quality cars available, "we expect prices to remain strong, even to strengthen further because the shortage of supply is going to continue".

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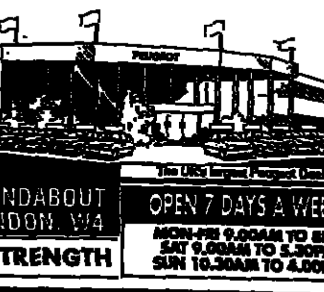
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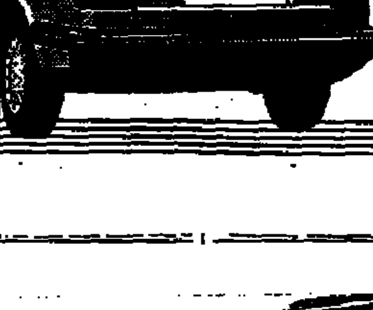
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MOTORING

Car park with no place for fear

Bright lights were the priority for a multi-storey where women could feel safe. **Vaughan Freeman** reports

If a sex pest, thief or mugger were asked to dream up the ideal environment in which to commit crimes on people and property with least risk to themselves, they would almost certainly come up with something closely resembling a multi-storey car park.

Women motorists in particular feel vulnerable in these poorly lit concrete chambers. But men too can feel intimidated in the warren-like, low-roofed buildings where visible security is at a minimum.

Last week, Debi Raggio, a former hairdresser, opened her own car park which has been designed to make motorists, particularly women, feel more at ease. The car park, on two levels, one of them underground, aims to provide bays that are secure, safe and welcoming.

Mrs Raggio hopes that professional women travelling alone or mothers going shopping with young children will be among the first to use the new facility. Two uniformed security guards are on duty while the car park is open.

The 60-bay Brighton Security car park, in the centre of the East Sussex seaside town, is available to men as well as women. It is brightly lit and has lavatories and a mother and baby room. "I have two children aged six and eight", Mrs Raggio says, "and know what it is like to be rushing to find a toilet for a child or trying to change a nappy on the back seat of a car."

It is an indictment of many existing parking facilities that such features, which are common in any shop, restaurant or leisure centre, should be considered a novelty in a car park.

Earlier this week, in a short term car park, at Heathrow airport, there was not a lavatory or changing room in sight for either me or my two young children, neither of whom understand the idea of waiting to find a lavatory.

> 'Women feel nervous going into somewhere that is poorly lit and deserted'

Mrs Raggio opened her car park last weekend and has been so overwhelmed by the response that she is already considering opening similar ventures elsewhere.

The idea grew from her own negative feelings towards using multi-storey car parks, particularly after having her car broken into in one. She already had some experience of the car business as her husband, Roger, runs a car wash and valet service at Hove railway station car park. The banks were sufficiently impressed to agree to the loan needed. Like all good ideas it now seems blindingly obvious.

Mrs Raggio says: "Women and men feel they are at risk when on their own and going back to cars in multi-storeys. Women feel especially nervous if they are going to somewhere that is poorly lit and deserted. I always have my keys ready in my hand as I approach my car in a multi-storey.

"As well as the personal risk, there is the danger of break ins. I have had my car broken into and a friend of mine was attacked in a car park."

Home Office statistics show that half of all thefts of and from cars happen in car parks. A central London study found that there were thefts from 21 cars for every 100 car spaces. It is not just major cities which are suffering. After a number of attacks and thefts in car parks, Brighton police have recently launched a campaign to try to reduce such crime.

The important thing, Mrs Raggio says, is to design car parks that are more welcoming to motorists and less of a natural habitat for the criminal. "I have put in lots of lighting so that you can see everywhere, clear from one end of the car park to the other, and into all the nooks and crannies.

"Parking bays will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, male or female, but I hope not to be turning any women away."

She says that if a woman driver wants to come in and all the bays are filled she can park her car, temporarily blocking other vehicles, and leave her keys with the guards who will move the car when a space becomes free.

Local women office workers have been among the first to use the car park. Mrs Raggio says: "I think there is room in the car parking business for ventures like mine and I certainly will be looking for more car parks. There is a need." She charges 40p an hour, less than many of her competitors.

To the main car park operators, a 60-bay underground facility in Brighton is no big threat to profits. But maybe, because of what it offers in terms of customer satisfaction and peace of mind, it is an idea that should be imitated.

ROGER BAMBER



Safety first: Debi Raggio in her car park that she opened with women in mind

ROADWISE

Racing memories

THE Brooklands Museum, housed in the shadow of the famous banked racing circuit and home to British aviation and car racing, begins its new season this Sunday. It reopens to the public with the newly renovated Malcolm Campbell workshops and showrooms on display for the first time. The opening coincides with the first big weekend of the Brooklands Museum diary as members of the MG Car Club and their 400 cars converge on the site at Weybridge, Surrey. Entrance costs £4 for adults, £2 for children under 16.

XJ6 triumphs

AS HOLLYWOOD celebrates its Oscars this week, the car maker Jaguar has been preening itself over its own accolades. The XJ6 saloons produced by the luxury car builder have been named "Best Luxury Car" by the magazines *Business Car*, *Fleet News* and *What Car?*. As the XJ6's rivals included the BMW 7 Series, Toyota Lexus and models from Mercedes, the Jaguar chairman Nick Scheele is more than happy. The XJ6 is priced at from £26,200 to £45,000.

Safe as cars

THE marketing of safety continues with Vauxhall's announcement that driver's side airbags are to be included as standard in all special edition Astras. The cars, priced from £9,570, also have twin side impact door beams and automatic front seatbelt tensioners.

Renault recall

MORE than 4,000 Renault 19 16-valve cars are being recalled so that the front suspension mounting plates can be replaced. The cars (phase One models of the Renault 19) were registered between March 1991 and June 1992. There is no danger of suspension failure and the Renault UK dealer network will carry out the changes free of charge. Owners can call the Renault helpline on 091-482 0469.

Big challenge

THE idea of army drivers calling for the RAC every time one of their tanks break down might seem surreal — but it is about to happen. The breakdown and recovery organisation has won the first contract awarded by the Ministry of Defence to cover its UK-based army forces vehicle fleet. The two-year contract covers 70,000 non-tracked MoD vehicles including cars, vans and the army's Scorpion light tank.



BMW lease

BMW has joined the lease-not-buy brigade by offering Select schemes covering its entire range. The deal means that, after paying a 30 per cent deposit, a 316i would cost £227 a month to lease while the charge for a 318i would be £236. The schemes run for three years at the end of which motorists have the option of either purchasing the car outright or starting another lease on a new car.

Safety first at second hand

The AA's new used-car test will sort the ripe deals from the rip-offs

Stringent expert reports on used cars are the latest attempt to thwart unscrupulous vendors and protect buyers, *Vaughan Freeman writes*.

Horror stories in the used car sector are legion. It is all too easy for the unwary car buyer to end up with a vehicle that might be a "cut and shut", as it's known in the trade. This is two cars, both damaged in accidents and welded into one potentially lethal vehicle. Vehicles that look fine but only reveal their weaknesses under microscopic scrutiny abound. With half a million car thefts a year there is also the worry that what seems a bargain might be stolen or the property of a finance company, and could be reclaimed by the true owner.

Now the AA has launched Elite Vehicle Inspections, in association with AutoLign Vehicle Inspection Services. As well as an on-the-road evaluation, the car is inspected under conditions with which even the most enthusiastic amateur mechanic could not hope to compete. The latest vehicles, laden as they are with computer-managed engine systems and computer-controlled equipment, such as anti-lock braking, require far more by way of computer diagnostics than a spanner and wrench if they are to be accurately evaluated.

The painstaking examination of each vehicle results in a 20-page report that checks everything, including the thickness of the paint, exhaust gas emissions and whether the car has been involved in an accident. Autolign's access to vehicle security and finance registers means that the car's identity can also be checked.

Chris Warwick, the AA's technical services manager, says: "The art of inspecting vehicles is in piecing together the various clues and tell-tale signs to build up a true picture of the vehicle. Elite complements our existing mobile inspection: one on the road, the other in virtually laboratory conditions."

Paul Webb, the director of AutoLign, says: "Our work in areas such as vehicle quality assurance and evaluation of post-accident repair has given us invaluable experience."

Inspection fees range from £95 for a Rover Metro to £237 for a Rolls-Royce for AA members (£111 to £279 for non-AA members). Inspections can be booked by contacting the AA on 0345-500 610.

The new Heritage Motor Centre brings together some of the most important vehicles in the motor industry's history

Celebrating some very British cars

A 100-year-old Starley Rover Safety Cycle is at the heart of the biggest and most significant collection of historic British vehicles to have been gathered under one roof, a roof that cost £8 million.

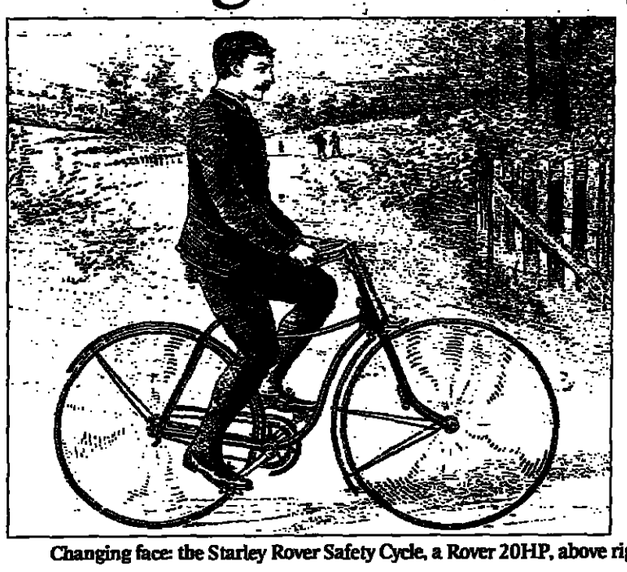
The 300 or so vehicles that will be on show when the collection opens on May 1 are a car buff's dream. Classic names such as Austin, Riley, Triumph, Wolseley, Albion, Standard, Thornycroft and of course Rover and MG are all well represented.

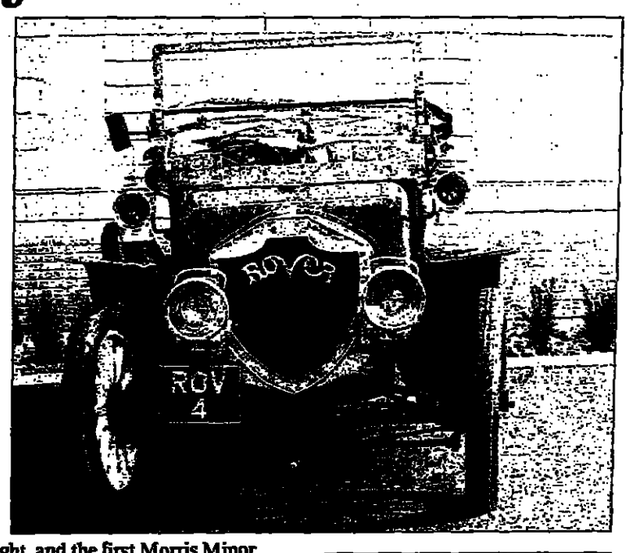
All are housed in the sparkling new Heritage Motor Centre which sits like an UFO amid the picturesque countryside of Gaydon, Warwickshire. The centre is the new home of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust. About half a million visitors are expected annually.

The centre aims to keep all its exhibits in working order, in spite of their age, and has its own workshops and body repair centres. Even the Starley Rover Cycle, the forerunner of today's British car industry, can still be ridden.

Each exhibit has a story behind it. The Starley dates to 1886 and was produced by Coventry cycle firm Starley & Sutton of the Meteor Works. The owner, John Kemp Starley, named his modern safety bicycle the Rover in 1885. Starley & Sutton became Rover Cars in 1907 when car production overtook bicycle building as the primary concern.

The bicycle is one of a stunning collection of firsts housed at the centre. There is the first production Morris Mini-Minor from 1959, possibly the most influential modern car with its transverse mounted engine and front-wheel drive. Next to it is the first production Land Rover dating from 1948 and also, from 1948, the first Morris Minor which marked a quantum leap in drivability and engineering development. There is even the first MG, the 1925 "Old Number One".





Changing face: the Starley Rover Safety Cycle, a Rover 20HP, above right, and the first Morris Minor

Much more than just a shed full of old cars, the centre aims to attract all members of the family. It has picnic areas and a nature reserve, plus shops and a cafeteria. As well as art and fashion galleries, there are reference and photographic libraries that house archives, including five million drawings, all of which trace the history of the British automotive industry. There are classrooms and lecture facilities for schoolchildren and students. The centre also has corporate facilities for companies looking for somewhere different to host events and conferences.

Peter Mitchell is managing director of heritage trust which is a registered educational charity sponsored by the Rover Group. For him, the centre is the realisation of a lifetime's ambition to open a collection that reflects the influence of the automobile industry on British life.

Mr Mitchell says: "We are looking at the motorcar as it relates to society and to art. We are trying to make the link between art and engineering. The motorcar is of paramount importance to society. I estimate that 35 per cent of people could not do their jobs or get to work without a car. At a time when the car is under pressure from all sorts of lobbyists we need a way of standing up and saying this is what the car has done for Great Britain and that is what we are doing."

Among the exhibits is a whacky selection of one-off designs that never saw the light of day such as a prototype Mini Metro with a cavernous boot and a Mini Moke with an engine at each end and full four-wheel drive.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



● *The Heritage Motor Centre is on the B4100 near Gaydon, Warwickshire, close to junction 12 of the M40 motorway. Admission is £5 for adults, £3 for children aged five to 16 or £12 for a family ticket covering two adults and two children.*

Sporty models just launched by Rover and Hyundai offer motorists a wide choice in performance, interior size and price

Coupés that are trading spaces for speed

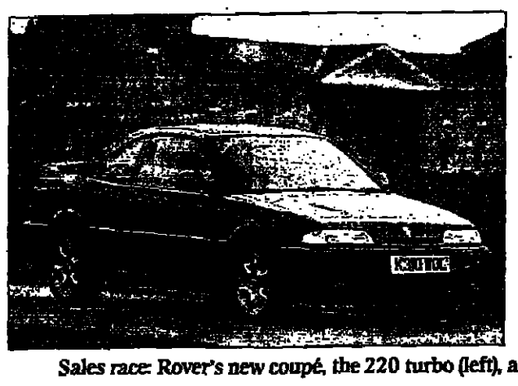
Commonsense has never been a strong point when it comes to selling or buying new cars, *Vaughan Freeman writes*.

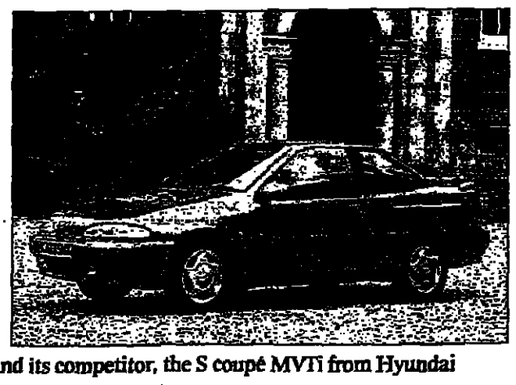
The motoring public has proved that if a car looks good and offers the right blend of image, performance and style, then it will sell. This is especially so of coupés, the low-slung, low-roofed sporting vehicles which, despite manufacturers' boasts of four seats for adults, have only two doors.

Vauxhall's Calibra and the VW Corrado show that such vehicles not only sell, but sell well. Next year Ford re-enters the fray when it brings to Britain its American-built Probe, the spiritual successor to the Capri.

The latest contenders in the coupé stakes are the powerful and quick Rover 220 coupé turbo and the more moderately-paced but more attractively priced S coupé MVTi turbo, from Hyundai.

The criticism of coupés used to be that they were neither out-and-out sports cars nor did they have the practical appeal of the small hot-hatch alternatives. No such accusation can be laid at the Rover. Performance is phenomenal, with a top speed of 150 mph and a 0-60 mph time of just over six seconds. That represents a scorching take off, provided the car can be kept in a straight line. Despite traction control to limit wheel spin, the 200 bhp engine had the front wheels spinning when the accelerator was given a stamp, and the front end gets wayward.





Sales race: Rover's new coupé, the 220 turbo (left), and its competitor, the S coupé MVTi from Hyundai

The car features a glass sunroof with a T-bar, the panels of which can be lifted out for open-topped motoring. When in place, these require major contortions of the arms if they are to be raised or lowered, and also result in noticeable road noise.

For a car costing £19,425 as tested, equipment levels are impressive and include power-assisted steering, alarm system and immobiliser, leather upholstery and wood inlaid into the dashboard. It looks sensational. Heads turned wherever the car went. It does 25.4 mpg in town to 46 mpg at 56 mph. The cabin is beautifully appointed, the seats comfortable and there is a feeling of excellent craftsmanship. However the black interior, thick pillars and a low windscreen gives a claustrophobic feel.

Hyundai has relied until now on Mitsubishi-derived engines. This newest S coupé from the South Korean manufacturer has the first engine designed in-house by Hyundai itself.

Like the Rover, it is turbo-charged but is considerably less powerful and cannot match Rover's flat-out speed or acceleration. The Hyundai gets 121 mph top speed and a 0-60 mph time of around nine seconds from its 1.5-litre turbo-charged engine, which develops 114 bhp.

Inside, the main colour is dark grey, with none of the wood inlay or richness of leather that marks the Rover. However, there is more leg room for front occupants and in the back the space is remarkable for such a vehicle. Though there is no sunroof, the thinner pillars and larger rear windows give the car an airy feel.

A line of half a dozen green and orange lights under the rev counter give a confusing idea of turbo boost and my car had another pretty little red light on the steering column that blinked continuously at me. Only later did I discover it was a warning that I had not properly turned off the alarm system. Neighbours were less than enthusiastic about the car's five-tone horn.

A sloppy feeling gear change was aggravated by a gear stick that in first and second scrubbed the driver's knuckles against the passenger seat and the seat belt. The car is a pleasant compromise between performance and ease of use and only a harsh ride over bumps and potholes showed where the compromise has failed. Petrol consumption is 24.4 mpg in town, 45.6 mpg at 56 mph and 33.6 mpg at 75 mph.

The simple difference between the cars is speed and price. The Rover gives an extra 30 mph top speed but that makes the car around £8,000 more expensive than the £10,999 Hyundai. The Rover is a superior performer and one of the fastest cars for the price on the street. But the Hyundai gets my vote as a value for money package with its more generous interior space.

Honour rules in umpire-free zone of quiet achievers

Hickey won the National — not that at Aintree, for which result we shall have to wait another day, but the national schools Rugby fives open singles.

Edward Hickey, of St Paul's, beat James Brown, of Sedbergh, 11-2, 12-10 in a pulsating 90-minute final yesterday in which the Londoner's strength and accuracy along his opponent's right brought victory and a handsome silver cup.

This outcome greatly pleased Mr Alastair Mackenzie, who has been master in charge of Rugby fives at the west London public school for more than 30 years. Mackenzie retires at the end of the term to become a wine writer. I had forgotten about Rugby fives. When invited to St Paul's to witness the finals, I thought that recession had claimed another victim: that rugby sevens had devalued by 28.6 per cent.

I was wrong; a helpful porter guided me from the sodden and deserted football pitches to an upstairs gallery of the gymnasium, from which I looked down and remembered the game: caveman squash played without rackets.

Players with gloved hands crashing a rounders-like ball around a closed black court; it is a cousin to Eton fives, where there is no back wall, and Winchester fives, where there is a buttress along the court's side to introduce a whole new element of unpredictability.

One gets a feeling of elitist satisfaction being in the audience — to be pedantically accurate, comprising 6.6 per cent of the audience at a national event.

Fives is not only a game of consummate skill, but requires of successful participants great fitness, balance, speed of movement and ambidexterity.

It is one which exudes honour and decency: there is no umpire in fives; there are no disputes, protests or whinges. As in martial arts, the game brings out the best in people. Next time I see



FREUD ON FRIDAY

"played fives" on an application for a position of disciplined responsibility, I shall look no further.

After the singles final there was lunch: a quietly honourable meal at which the consumers accepted with quiet dignity plates of shepherd's pie which might have contained real shepherd; then yoghurt followed by tea.

In the afternoon was staged the national doubles final: Clifton versus Sedbergh.

Fives is a public school game in which Radley, Sherborne, Blundell's, Tonbridge and St Paul's also shine — though no one shines as brightly in the world of fives as Wayne Enstone, who graduated via Manchester YMCA and has carried every title for most of the last 20 years.

Clifton — thanks to the strength of Gareth Rees, who was easily the fiercest hitter of the four — took the first set 11-1. Brown and Lancaster toiled; being left-handed is useful, though not enough if you are solidly out-hit.

In the second set, the ball slowed up and Sedburgh came back inexorably. The team that had been outplayed in the first 20 minutes now used skill to defeat the speed of their opponents.

"If I were Clifton," said the master in charge, "I should ask for a new ball; it is legal to have one for each set — though this is a law that would not please the organisers."

They continued with the same ball, which slowed; Clifton weakened. Sedburgh won by two sets to one and the gallery — silent, knowledgeable, not as vociferous even as rackets galleries — applauded.

The president awarded the prizes and I was proud to have been there; to have been part of a sub note in history played out before a total of two dozen spectators.

OPEN SINGLES: Semi-finals: J Brown (Sedbergh) bt S Clapp (Blundell's), 11-8, 11-3; E Hickey (St Paul's) bt G Rees (Clifton), 12-10, 11-8. Final: Hickey bt Brown, 11-2, 12-10

OPEN DOUBLES: Semi-finals: Clifton bt Sedbergh II, 11-5, 11-9; Sedbergh bt Blundell's, 2-11, 11-4, 11-3. Final: Sedbergh bt Clifton, 2-1.

COLTS SINGLES: Semi-finals: T Stock (St Dunstan's) bt N Saltmarsh (Radley), 11-0, 11-4; C Scobie (Radley) bt B Thomas (St Paul's), 11-1, 11-8. Colts doubles: Semi-finals: St Dunstan's bt Blundell's, 11-3, 11-8; Radley bt Bradfield, 11-7, 10-12, 11-5.

Woosnam struggles to avoid watery grave

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN NEW ORLEANS

ENGLISH Turn, defying its history, was a battlefield yesterday during the first round of the Freeport-McMoRan Classic. It was extremely windy and the course was playing every inch of its 7,116 yards, with players struggling to keep the ball out of the water that abounds on every hole.

During the war of 1812, with the city of New Orleans at their mercy, the English were turned back near here, tricked into thinking that the entire French fleet was lurking just round a bend in the river. It was not a glorious moment and there were plenty more yesterday.

Ian Woosnam, with Bob Torrance, his reinstated coach, dutifully watching, went out in 40, four over par. The Welshman, who won here in 1991, the week before he won the Masters, was still fighting his swing and had incurred three penalty shots, but his position was far from hopeless. For example, Mark Brooks and Ted Schulz, his playing partners, were both three over. As they passed by, a spectator remarked: "There are going to be some eighties out here today." Nobody demurred.

The 6th sixth hole, a 557-yard par five, was particularly monstrous. Woosnam, who had birdied the second but dropped shots at the third and fifth, drove into a fairway bunker and pulled his next shot down a bank by the water. He saved his bogey six by pitching dead from a hundred yards or so.

However, his trials and tribulations were nothing compared to those of Schulz, whose seven, which involved an embedded ball (no penalty), a ruling (no drop) and a visit to the water, seemed to be enacted in slow motion.

Woosnam hit a ballooning drive into the rough on the right at the 7th, a par four of 445 yards that Brooks failed, comfortably, to reach with two reasonably hit woods. Woosnam hit a long iron low out of a poor lie and tipped to three feet for the sort of par that might be described as routine, given the day.

The 8th, however, is a gem of a hole. It is a par three measuring 176 yards with a picturesque green with water almost all round it. The green is set at a slightly awkward angle from the tee and, with the wind blowing fiercely from the right and slightly against yesterday, it was nothing less than fearsome.

Woosnam hit the green and bounced on over the back into the water, but he saved a bogey four by holing a putt of ten feet. Behind him, Craig Stadler fared less well. The Walrus stood on the tee at one under par but he matched Woosnam's aquatics when his tee shot soared into the water. There was no reaction from Stadler, who took five.

Woosnam's woes continued when he dropped a shot at the 9th — no water — and he shook his head sadly at the awfulness of it all.

Football League's newest club left in tangle after resignation of colourful chairman

Flashman's gamble is bad luck for Barnet

John Goodbody investigates the trail of intrigue left behind in the wake of Stan Flashman

STAN Flashman is a natural gambler. From the early 1960s, he has gambled with touting tickets, a hazardous trade for the inexperienced but a money-spinner for a smart operator in sport and entertainment like Flashman.

When he resigned this week, after eight years as chairman of Barnet football club, Flashman cited ill health. But his luck with money also seems to have run out because his successors have a mounting series of debts to meet if Barnet is to continue trading.

Behind Flashman's dealing in recent years has been a labyrinth of financial difficulties, with creditors pressing the club for payment. Just how much the north London club owes may become public only when the limited company files its accounts for the last financial year at Companies House and also with the Football League, which it should have done under League regulations by the end of January. Alternatively, it may be disclosed if only the second annual meeting of Barnet's shareholders in eight years is held by the new board.

Ralph de Souza, a partner of Leigh Carr, the chartered accountant that acts for Barnet, said it had not finished auditing the accounts. Asked how he would describe the club's finances, he replied: "I would not describe them. They are confidential." The fear is that the club owes a very large amount of money, although exactly how much and why nobody seems to know.

The heroes of Barnet are their players and officials, like the manager, Barry Fry, who have kept the club challenging for promotion to the second division in a season of constant turmoil, with shortfalls in their wages, or them being paid late, and the threat of closure ever present.

Flashman was also a hero once. When the self-styled "theatre broker" saved the club from receivership in 1985, he received a host of accolades. Six years later, he gave the supporters what they had yearned for since the club's foundation in 1888: a place in the Football League.

The club was also trading profitably in that financial year, 1990-1, showing a profit of £217,385 before tax, compared to a deficit of £44,883 the previous year.

With entry into the League, Barnet seemed set fair. The club progressed on the field but not off it. By June 30, 1992, Tom Hill, a former director, wrote to Flashman protesting he was withdrawing from office as he was still being represented as the club's managing director.

In his letter, he queried the club's financial standing but made it clear that nobody knew the exact position. "I am in no position to establish this since, as you are aware, you and Helen [Flashman's wife] have exercised total control both financially and, in all other respects, without reference to myself or any other director."

One particular concern had become whether the attendances at matches had been correctly recorded. In a letter on July 10, 1992, Chief Inspector Richard Hebberd wrote he was not in a position to prove or disprove their accuracy. However, he added: "I can tell you that following the Barnet v Burnley match, where the official attendance was 4,881, we expressed our concern at the ground capacity figure of 9,780."



TONY BARTELLO

Mr Barnet: Flashman resigned as chairman of the third division club this week after eight years in control at Underhill

The financial troubles have multiplied this season, with Barnet being the only Football League club without a sponsor. It was also fined £50,000 by the League last November for "failing to keep proper records and for irregular payments to the players". The sum is still outstanding.

The freehold interest of the ground at Underhill is owned by Barnet council, to which the club pays between £8,000 and £10,000 in rates and rent on a long lease. On December 8, the club raised £58,000 of its leasehold interest on the ground. The company who lent the money was Castella Holdings Ltd, a company which is not registered in the United Kingdom. Its postal address is 27 Blandford St, W1, which is also the registered offices of Barnet FC Ltd and of Leigh Carr, the club's accountant. De Souza, of Leigh Carr, was unable to give any details of Castella Holdings since his firm had thousands of companies registered at its address.



Fry: heroic job

Among the creditors in the last month has been Ryco Trust (Gibraltar) Ltd, which was owed £5,000. When it was not paid on March 15, it said that, unless it received the figure, it would start insolvency proceedings. When asked if the sum was still unpaid, Ryco's solicitors declined to comment yesterday.

Camden council is also owed £1,907 rent for the training facilities at the Prince Edward playing fields and an extra £350 outstanding from last season. Last Monday, DMF sportswear, which had a three-year contract supplying kit for the club, continued its legal action in the High Court to recover more than £10,000 plus costs. It resumes in the Liverpool High Court today.

Janice Hutchings, who worked as a typist-secretary at the club, was made redundant on March 15. She later found that her national insurance contributions were not up to date. Her redundancy cheque of £556 also bounced.

Problems have not just been confined to finance. On March 8, the Football Association council cut by 50 per cent to 25 the number of tickets to be given to the club for the 1993 FA Cup final. It found the club guilty of failing to compile or submit records giving the names and addresses of the people holding tickets for the 1992 FA Cup final.

When questioned yesterday, Flashman said: "I'm not prepared to talk about anything."

Three weeks ago, Fry said: "We are living on a time-bomb." His fear, and the club's fear, is that the time-bomb has yet to explode.

BARNET'S PROBLEMS

December 1985: Barnet are one week away from receivership when Flashman pays £50,000 to take over the club, then playing in the Gola League (now Vauxhall Conference).

May 1989: The first hints of unrest at Underhill. Flashman says: "If I go, Barnet goes. It will be out of the league. I am the club. If supporters get silly, they are in for a shock."

August 1990: The Levitt Group, sponsor until the end of the 1990-1 season, runs into trouble.

May 1991: After 103 years, Barnet reach the Football League by winning the Vauxhall Conference. They have been runners-up three times in the previous four years. When asked if the Football League was ready for him, Flashman said: "Ready? You must be joking. They will not know what has hit them."

August 1991: Threat of a winding-up order because of money owed to builders for work at the ground.

May 1992: The manager, Barry Fry, says he has been sacked by Flashman after a fourth division play-off win. Fry wanted the £30,000 outstanding from his testimonial six weeks earlier and is also upset with Flashman for "slagging off" the team.

June 1992: The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) is informed about unpaid players' wages, alleging that "wage checks paid to players have bounced".

August 1992: Barnet banned from transfer market after a Football League investigation.

October 1992: Disputes between Flashman, who threatens to close the club down, and the players, who threaten to strike because of wages' cuts.

November 1992: Players protest their pay packets are up to £60 short. Flashman gives interview with BBC Radio in which he says: "The supporters do not matter as far as I am concerned. They just pay their entrance fees." The Football League fines Barnet £50,000 for failing to keep proper records and for irregular payments to players. Flashman scuffles with photographers.

December 1992: Fry officially sacked for the fourth time by Flashman, but 11 days later is reinstated. Inland Revenue arrives at Underhill seeking documents.

March 1993: Football League "takes steps" to ensure that the £50,000 assessed last November for failing to keep proper records and for making irregular payments is "paid forthwith". League still not convinced the financial affairs are in order. Nineteen days later, Flashman resigns as chairman for health reasons. Fry moves to Southend United the following day.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: Manchester Unity English men's national indoor championship: Triples: Semi-finals: Teignbridge (J Wickham) bt Worthing (J Dicker), 21-11; Nottingham (J Mills) bt Sunderland (J Humphrey), 17-16. Final: Nottingham bt Teignbridge, 20-13.
Pairs: Quarter-finals: Wymondham Deli (M Overton, I Daines) bt Wey Valley (R Belcher, P Vanwacopolous), 27-8; Kingsthorpe (I Walker, M Sharpe) bt Cumbria (D Taylor, S Airey), 29-15; Thornaby (T Fredlick, H Duff) bt Plymouth Civil Service (C Rice, D Elliott), 21-13; Preston, Brighton (D Williams, K Renwick) bt Richmond, 25-7.

STEVENAGE: English women's indoor championships: Unbadged pairs: Quarter-finals: Wealden bt Falcon, 24-14; Darlington bt Stamford, 21-11; Stevenage bt Moorfleet, 17-11; City of Ely bt Sutton, 20-18. Semi-finals: J Boosey and J Wiles (Stevenage) bt C Day and P Carroll (City of Ely), 18-8; J Stephenson and D Hope (Darlington) bt V Freer and H Branch (Wealden), 22-16.
Triples: Last 16: Eldon (N Greenwood) bt Athenley (H Phillips), 18-14; Foxhill (B Walford) bt Yeovil (E Bessell), 16-15; Essex County (E Schooling) bt Swinton (F Harner), 22-15; Cambridge Park (P Saunders) bt Teignbridge (M Wellington), 21-10; Sutton (E Hurley) bt Stamford (B Warters), 17-16; St Neots (E Weekes) bt Barwell (B Gilnrod), 18-17; County Arts, Norwich (V Chapman) bt Erdington Court (J Cearns), 27-11; Angel, Tonbridge (J Kemble) bt Worthing (L Inch), 19-8.
DURBAN: International matches: Men: South Africa bt England 8-2. Singles: N Burkett bt T Allcock, 25-19. Pairs: R Rayfield and Burkett bt A Thomson and Allcock, 31-11. Triples: D Plieth, A van Wrinkle, K Cambell bt D Holt, T Hanger and J Bell, 19-10. Fours: Plieth, van Wrinkle, Rayfield and Cambell lost to Holt, Hanger, Thomson and Bell, 18-20. Women: South Africa bt Scotland, 6-2. Singles: A Pretorius bt J Lindores, 25-14. Pairs: E Barraud and H Bekker bt Lindores and S Gourlay, 30-20. Triples: L Dyer, C Grondline and Pretorious lost to S McCrone, J Maxwell and F Whyte, 17-18. Fours: Barraud, Bekker, Dwyer and Grondine bt Gourlay, McCrone, Maxwell and Whyte, 26-16.

BASKETBALL

CARSLBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester Riders 69, Worthing Bears 67; Manchester Giants 98, Birmingham Bullets 101.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Indiana Pacers 114, Washington-Bullets 95; Boston Celtics 109, Philadelphia 76ers 103; Detroit Pistons 120, Portland TrailBlazers 111; Seattle Supersonics 103, Dallas Mavericks 98; Utah Jazz 93, San Antonio Spurs 85; Atlanta Hawks 103, Denver Nuggets 94; Minnesota TWolves 106, Los Angeles Lakers 113.

BOXING

BARKING: Professional bill: Selected results: Light-middle (6 rnds): Derek Grainger (West Ham) bt Wayne Shepherd (Carlisle), rsc 4th rnd. Cruiser (8 rnds): Terry Dunstan (Hackney) bt Lee Prudden (Redditch), pts. (10 rnds): Dennis Andries (Hackney) bt Willie Jake (US), rsc 6th rnd.
YORK HALL, Bethnal Green: Area heavyweight championship (10 rnds): Roger McKenzie (Croydon) ko Warren Richards (Eltham), 6th rnd. Light-middle (8 rnds): Kirkland Laing (Nottingham) bt Newton Barnett (Camberwell), pts. Cruiser (10 rnds): Carl Thompson (Manchester) ko Steve Harvey (US), 1st rnd.

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CRICKET

PORT ELIZABETH: Benson and Hedges limited overs competition: Semi-final: First leg: Eastern Province 165-8 (45 overs: D Callaghan 60): Transvaal 167-2 (40.2 overs; B White 67). Transvaal won by 8 wkts.

CROQUET

MOAMA, Australia: MacRobertson Shield World Series: Final: Doubles: Great Britain and Ireland lead New Zealand 3-0 in best-of-21 match (GB and Ire names first): C Clarke and R Rutford bt P Stanley and G Bryant, 28-0tp, 26-24; D Maugham and C Irwin bt G Basie and R Baker, 26-2, 26-6tp; J Wetters and D Openshaw bt R Jackson and K Jones, 0-26tp, 26-23, 26-23.

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Group one play-off match: Minerven (Venezuela) 1, Caracas (Venezuela) 0. Minerven qualify for second round.
Late results on Wednesday
WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Group one: Switzerland 1, Portugal 1. Group three: Denmark 1, Spain 0. Group four: Wales 2, Belgium 0. Group five: Hungary 0, Greece 1.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Brighton 1, Blackpool 1, Port Vale 0, Stoke City 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Meadowbank Thistle 0, Clydebank 1.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Fortuna Sittard 1, FC Groningen 1. Cup: semi-final: Feyenoord 0, Ajax 5.
GERMAN CUP: Semi-final: Hertha Berlin 2, Chemnitz 1.
ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Juventus 2, Torino 2 (agg 3-3; Torino qualify on away goals).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 1, Brighton 0; Crystal Palace 0, Millwall 2; Oxford 3, Southampton 0. Second division: Cheltenham 3, Cardiff 5, Yeovil 3, Bournemouth 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Nottingham Forest 3; Leeds 2, Rotherham 0; Manchester United 1, Newcastle 1; Notts County 0, Bolton 0; Sunderland 0, Blackburn 4; Wolves 3, Leicester 2. Second division: Huddersfield 5, Blackpool 0; Hull 0, Burnley 4; Scunthorpe 1, Mansfield 2; West Bromwich 2, Grimsby 1; York 0, Everton 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 3, Moor Green 2. Midland division: Barri 4, Newport AFC 1; Hinckley 1, Sutton Coldfield 1. Southern division: Burnham 3, Sudbury 2; Fareham 1, Fisher 1.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1, Hebburn 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 7, Sutton United 0. Third division: Horsham 5, Kingsbury 3.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Workington 0, Winsford 1. First division: Knowsley 4, Warrington 3. First division Cup: Lancaster 1, Gateshey 5.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Under-18 International: England 3, Switzerland 2 (at Cwmbran).

HOCKEY

JORDANSTOWN: British Universities Sports Federation Tournament: Wales 1, Scotland 1; Cambridge 0, London 0; Northern Ireland 1, Oxford 0; UAU 9, Wales 0; London 1, Oxford 2; Scotland 2, Northern Ireland 0; UAU 3, Cambridge 1. Final positions: 1, UAU 16pts; 2, Scotland 14; 3, Northern Ireland 10; 4, Wales 10; 5, Cambridge 5; 6, Oxford 3; 7, London 1.

GOLF

LYONS, France: Lyons Open: Leading first-round scores (GB unless stated): 64: M Miller. 67: G Hjorstedt (Swe); C Rocca (It); P McGinley; S Richardson; P Teravainen (US). 68: G Orr; G Brand Jr; A Pinero (Sp). 69: A Hare; I Gervas (Sp); S McAllister; D Cooper; J Haeggman (Swe); A Bossert (Switz); G J Brand; A Murray; F Nobilo (NZ); W Riley (Aus); J Mouhica (Fr); D Clarke, 70: R Willison; J McGohan (US); P Talbot; P Mayo; M Clayton (Aus); M Hallberg (Swe); P Eales; G Call (It). R Drummond, S Torrance, S Luna (Sp), J Rivero (Sp), J Spence; B Lane, A Lecuyer (Fr); S Rey (Switz); R Chapman, A Sherborne, 71: S Bowman (US); D Hospital (Sp); T Level (Fr); PJ Johansson (Swe); A Oldcorn; M Mackenzie; R Boxall. A Sorensen (Den); L Vannet, L Jones; M Pendarbe (Fr), D Curry; S Tinning (Den); P Hall, C Whitelaw (SA), P Mitchell; P Broadhurst; A Gilner (Swe); J Rystrom (Swe), N Godin, D R Jones.
MIKI, Japan: Descente Classic: Leading first-round scores (Japan unless stated): 65: K Suzuki. 67: T Ueno. 70: M Harada, P McWhinney (Aus), Y Kaneko, T Nishikawa, B McCallister (US). British score: 77: P Hood.
MANILA: Philippine Open: Leading first-round scores: 67: S Thompson (NZ). 68: C Espinosa (Mex). 69: S Ressh (US), T Power (Aus), Chang Ting Yeh (Taiwan). 70: N Adachi (Japan), Liang Hai Chan (Taiwan), R Stewart (Can), M Yoshida (Japan), B Wilson (US). 71: D Cruz (Phil), A Gilligan (Aus), G Norquist (US).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford 28, Widnes 0; Wigan 50, Leigh 0. Second division: London Crusaders 20, Oldham 20.
ACADEMY CUP: Second round: Bradford Northern 22, Warrington 44.

TENNIS

ESTORIL, Portugal: ATP tournament: Second round: J Svensson (Swe) bt I Lendl (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt G Markus (Arg), 7-5, 6-0.
DURBAN: South African Open: Second round: A Volkov (Russ) bt D Rikl (Cz Rep), 6-1, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Zoalla (Ger), 6-4, 7-6; J Ranzenbihl (Ger) bt C Marsh (SA), 7-6, 6-1; L Jonsson (Swe) bt K Thorne (US), 1-6, 7-5, 7-6.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

TUNDISH
(b) A broad, open container with one or more holes in the bottom, used in various industrial processes, eg to feed molten metal into an ingot mould so as to avoid splashing and give a smoother flow: "In the new [spray steelmaking] process, the liquid iron flows from the bottom of a tundish (a container used to keep a constant head of metal)."

MAESTRIA
(b) The Italian for mastery or skill, used by pretentious musical critics to give the erroneous impression that Italian is their second language and bedside reading: "Sir Charles can occasionally be persuaded to render the Volga Boatmen's Song, which he renders with incomparable maestria."

CLADE
(c) A group of organisms that have evolved from a common ancestor, from the Greek *klados* a branch, hence *cladistic*, of or pertaining to a clade or clades; Julian Huxley, who should have known better: "*Cladogenesis* results in the formation of delimitable monophyletic units, which may be called clades."

RIMAYE
(a) a fissure or crack in the Alpine ice, - *bergschrund*, from the Latin *rima* a crack or fissure + *-aye* collective suffix: "At the foot of the snow-slope, where it eases into the glacier, runs a long chasm in the ice, the bergschrund, randkluft, or rimaye." "Slide he did, but into the rimaye, and we had to look for him and pull him out."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The black king is prised open with 1 h6! If 1 ... gxh6 2 Qxf6, while 1 ... Qxf5 2 hxg7 is a rather brutal mate.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
Barclays League
First division
Tranmere Rovers v Derby County
Second division
Fulham v Huddersfield Town (8.0)
Third division
Crewe v Hereford
Gillingham v York (7.45)
Northampton v Rochdale
Wrexham v Darlington
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood v Hyde (7.45). First division: Congleton v Warrington.

RUGBY LEAGUE
British Coal international
Great Britain v France (7.30, at Headingley)

RUGBY UNION
Tour match
Colchester v Nessegutten (Norway)

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: English men's championships (Melton Mowbray). English women's championships (Stevenage).
TENNIS: Aseltok tour finals (Bramhall).

French must offer greater resistance

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE will be some influential home support urging a respectable effort by France in the return rugby league international tonight. The omens from the first encounter are hardly encouraging and the Great Britain side is even better equipped than that which gained a record 48-6 away win four weeks ago.

Stiffening French resistance for Headingley has been the tricky task of David Topliss, the Wakefield Trinity coach, on missionary duty from the Rugby Football League (RFL), which has also met with French officials to discuss how to arrest the decline.

As the only opposition in the northern hemisphere, Britain needs France. The gap now is reminiscent of that with Australia a decade ago, although the problem is more fundamental. Talent still abounds, except that rugby union continues to have its pick.

The idea that clubs and the RFL coaching school should open their doors to aspiring French youth is laudable, but fending off the financial lure of union is an unrealistic hope. The best that can be achieved is sufficient improvement to prevent the World Cup in two years becoming a triangular tournament between Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

France, on present form, would struggle to overcome English second division opposition. From bitter experience, however, Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, has learnt not to underestimate Gallic flair. A 25-18 defeat at Headingley three years ago, the only one in 13 games against France in his six years in charge, still rankles.

Jonathan Davies, making his ninth appearance, plays for the first time in his natural stand-off position, alongside Edwards, the artful dodger. Devereux and Hunte out wide and Tait at full back provide a variety of attacking options. Platt is captain for the first time and spearheads a pack which should dominate.

GREAT BRITAIN: A Tait (Leeds); J Devereux (Widnes), P Newlove (Featherstone Rovers), G Connolly (St Helens), A Hunte (St Helens); J Davies (Widnes), S Edwards (Wigan); K Harrison (Halifax), M Dermott (Wigan), A Platt (Wigan, captain), R Eyres (Widnes), P Clarke (Wigan), E Hanley (Leeds). Substitutes: M Ford (Castleford), D Betts (Wigan), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles), S Nicklé (St Helens).
FRANCE: E Van Brussel (Carcassonne); C Sirvent (St Gaudens), A Alesina (XIII Catalan), P Morra (Carcassonne), J Garcia (St Esteve); G Dumas (St Gaudens, captain), P Fages (Pia), T Bustignol (Avignon), P Torrallies (Pia), T Anast (St Gaudens), D Cabestany (XIII Catalan), B Cartier (St Esteve), J Combettes (Pia). Substitutes: D Amat (Lezignan), A Baba (XIII Catalan), F Beranger (Lyon Villeurbanne), D Fraisse (Carpentras).
Referee: G Annesley (Australia).

☐ Robert Ackerman, 31, of Salford, the former Wales and British Isles rugby union centre, is retiring, seven years after turning professional.

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Grant denied Aintree glory again

BY ALAN LEE

SOME things in sport are just not meant to be. Chris Grant, bravest and most popular of jump jockeys, is beginning to suspect that his first winner over the Grand National fences is among them.

Grant has had more than his share of heartache in the past year, events to put a setback in a horse race into stark perspective. After the death of his wife, Dawn, and then of his friend and employer Arthur Stephenson, riding is as much therapy as vocation.

But at Aintree, more than anywhere, Grant deserves a break and, yesterday, there was barely a soul present who was not willing him to the winning post as Southern Minstrel, once trained by Stephenson, jumped the last fence in front in the John Hughes Memorial Chase.

Halfway up that pitiless run-in, Grant was three lengths clear. But, as he later said: "I have seen it all before." You sensed that he was not remotely surprised when Sirrah Jay, ridden by Adrian Maguire with an inspiration to match Grant's desperation, snatched the race by a neck.

"I've been second three times in this race and three times in the National itself," said Grant. "I just keep finding one too good." But on Southern Minstrel, as it had been on Durham Edition in two Nationals, victory was stolen when it looked in safe keeping. Sirrah Jay, after all, had jumped the last in fifth place.

Grant has no ride in tomorrow's big race, so the cruel wait goes on another year. But Maguire, who is achieving so much so young that many fine jockeys spend a career vainly pursuing, has high hopes of completing the Aintree double aboard last year's runner-up, Romany King.

Trainer Toby Balding, perspiring freely after the excitement of Sirrah Jay's win, reports Romany King in fine shape. "The ground is plenty fast enough for him but after seeing Sirrah act on it, I am not as unhappy as I might have been."

Sirrah Jay will be left in the National at today's final declaration stage but, after breaking the track record yesterday at the grand age of 13, he needs seven horses above him to come out if he is to run in both races for the second successive year. Balding said: "I hope for his sake he is eliminated."

One definite non-runner is Skipping Tim, but Martin Pipe hopes to run his six other entries. Jonathan Lower and Mark Perrett ride Chatam and Riverside Boy respectively, the two horses rejected by Peter Scudamore, while Simon McNeill has been booked for Bonanza Boy.

Perrett was aboard Pipe's Run For Free in the day's most valuable race, the Martell Cup Chase, and lodged a fruitless objection after going down to Docklands Express by a length and a half. The winner had jumped across Run For Free at the last but clearly won on merit.

Race speeds indicated, and jockeys confirmed, that the going on all three Aintree courses was extremely fast yesterday, and Andy Turnell warns he will withdraw his two star steeplechasers, Katabatic and Cogent, from today's card unless the rain forecast for this evening arrives early.

But one trainer yesterday was embarrassingly caught out by rain. David Elsworth set off from his Wiltshire headquarters in a downpour, encountered heavy traffic and arrived too late to see his seven-year-old Roll A Dollar win the Seagram Top Novices' Hurdle by a head.

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IAN STEWART



Determined duel: Roll A Dollar, left, mastering Gaelic Myth by a head at Aintree yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CASTLE KING
(5.20 Aintree)

Next best: Aahsaylad
(4.50 Aintree)

Gold Shot rallies in fine style

BY BRIAN BEEL



AFTER he had looked beaten approaching the second-last fence, Tim Jones brought Gold Shot through to win the seventh Times Rising Stars qualifier in a thrilling finish at Taunton yesterday.

Tango Jim fell in the middle of the field at the seventh fence leaving Spitfire Jubilee leading the remaining ten runners. Nomelap was in close attendance but early leader Gold Shot and Mr Murdock looked to have plenty to do at this stage.

A mile out, Guy Lewis urged The Jogger to the front and from there until approaching the last he was chased by Mike Felton on Spitfire Jubilee and the race looked to be between them.

On the run to the last, however, the scene changed dramatically as Gold Shot and Mr Murdock made rapid progress. The Jogger still led going over the fence with Gold Shot about a length behind. However, Mr Murdock, strongly challenging at the time, blundered and unseated Michael Miller.

The Jogger could find nothing extra on the run-in leaving Gold Shot to win by two-and-a-half lengths with Shamarphil third and Spitfire Jubilee fourth.

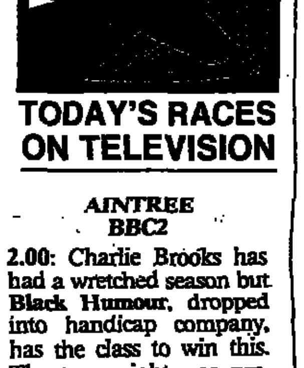
The race was marred by John Dufosee's Penult having to be destroyed after falling on the first circuit.

Both the winner and runner-up are heading for the Worcester final in a fortnight's time. Edward Retter, owner of The Jogger, said: "The horse is not quite right yet. He has been suffering from a virus otherwise nothing would have caught him once he'd hit the front."

Tim Jones, the winning rider, said: "Gold Shot ran in patches. He was not happy on the far side of the track, where it was firmer, but he was a different horse as soon as he found the better ground in the finishing straight, and he quickened well. He's a safe jumper and when I asked him for big leaps at the last two, he stood back and landed running."

Race details

3.15 (3m ch) 1, GOLD SHOT (Mr T Jones, 6-4 fav), 2, The Jogger (Mr G Lewis, 12-1), 3, Shamarphil (Mr R Mills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Spitfire Jubilee (4th) 11 ran. 2½l, 6l. P Bowen. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.08.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

AINTREE
BBC2

2.00: Charlie Brooks has had a wretched season but **Black Humour**, dropped into handicap company, has the class to win this. The top weight was running a good race before falling three out in the Gold Cup and had previously beaten Bradbury Star.

2.35: With a question mark about each runner, this does not appeal as a betting race. Deep Sensation took advantage of below-par runs by Katabatic and Waterloo Boy in the Queen Mother Chase. **Katabatic**, who may not have been suited by the firm ground at Cheltenham, can reverse the placings over this longer trip if rain arrives to take the sting out of the ground. If Andy Turnell pulls him out because of the going, Deep Sensation can oblige.

3.10: Turnell also wants easier ground for **Cogent**, who is 6lb better off with Young Hustler for a four-length beating at Newbury in February. Cab On Target has also shown his best form on softer going and if Cogent is a non-runner, Young Hustler can complete his ninth victory.

3.45: Double Silk will be strongly fancied to follow up his impressive Cheltenham success. But he may not appreciate the shorter trip. By contrast, **Toureen Prince** will benefit from the step back in distance having tired in the closing stages behind Double Silk. Martin Pipe's Aherlow Glen is an outsider to note.

4.20: Olympian has been raised almost two stone in the handicap following three successes and may find life harder now. Gymcrak Stardom looks particularly well weighted but may not stay a truly run two-and-a half miles. The booking of Peter Niven for the improving **Mizyan** looks significant.

RICHARD EVANS

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2.00 PERRIER JOUET CHASE (BBC2)
(Handicap: £8,114: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

101 4-2121F BLACK HUMOUR 15 (G,S) (R A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 9-12-0 ... G Bradley [illegible]
102 111F2-3 CARBISDALE 34 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-11 ... P Niven 80
103 12-16F6 PARSONS GREEN 62 (B,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 9-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 89
104 121121 GENERAL PERSHING 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 7-11-10 ... N Doughty 98
105 1/11-132 MERANO 17 (G,S) (Victor Chandler Ltd) M W Easterby 10-11-4 ... L Wyer 93
106 4-F3361 ROCKTOR 29 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Waddington-Yull) D Barons 8-10-12 ... J Frost 96
107 F50211 SIKERA SPY 23 (D,F,G,S) (D Hoyd) Mrs A Hewitt 11-10-6 ... R Bellamy 98
108 143U11 SIDE OF HILL 16 (F,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 8-10-5 ... M Perrett 92
109 664341 RIVER HOUSE 13 (F,G,S) (P Cheesbrough) P Cheesbrough 11-10-2 ... Mr A Thornton (5) 92
110 26P434 SOONER STILL 9 (D,F,B,S) (P M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 9-10-2 ... N Williamson 88
111 F2F3U6 ANTRIM COUNTY 8 (S) (Mrs S McCarthy) Patrick Mullins (Ire) 8-10-0 ... T J Mitchell 90
112 62-4154 RE-RELEASE 17 (B,G,S) (J Ennis) M Pipe 8-10-0 ... D Richmond (5) 89
113 132530 PROPLUS 13 (F,G,S) (D Curtis) J Edwards 11-10-0 ... J Osborne 85
114 114443 RAGLAN ROAD 13 (F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 9-10-0 ... P Holley 83

Long handicap: Re-Release 9-13, Proplus 9-12, Raglan Road 9-4.

BETTING: 9-2 General Pershing, 5-1 Merano, 6-1 Black Humour, 7-1 Rocktor, 8-1 Carbisdale, Sikera Spy, 12-1 Side Of Hill, 14-1 Parsons Green, River House, 20-1 Antrim County, 25-1 Re-Release, 33-1 others.

1992: RIVER BOUNTY 6-10-0 R Supple (12-1) J Upson 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACK HUMOUR beat Bradbury Star 6l in 6-runner Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft) chase on penultimate start. CARBISDALE 5l 2nd of 9 to Bradbury Star in grade I Scilly Isles Novice Chase at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good to firm) on final start last season. GENERAL PERSHING beat Lake Teereen 8l in 7-runner Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good) handicap chase. MERANO 2½l 2nd of 12 to Strong Beau in Cheltenham (3m 1f, good) amateur riders' handicap chase with RE-RELEASE (7lb better off) 24l 4th. ROCKTOR beat Romans Birthday ½l in 6-runner Ludlow (3m, good to firm) handicap chase. SIKERA SPY completed double, beat Mweenish 25l in 5-runner Bangor (3m 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase. SIDE OF HILL beat Abbotsham 8l in 5-runner Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase latest. RIVER HOUSE beat Kilhallon Castle 2½l in 7-runner Newcastle (3m, good to firm) handicap chase.
Selection: GENERAL PERSHING

2.35 MUMM MELLING CHASE (BBC2)
(Grade I: £40,194: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

201 125221 DEEP SENSATION 16 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-11-10 ... D Murphy 86
202 141135 GOLD OPTIONS 34 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-11-10 ... L Wyer 90
203 121223 KATABATIC 16 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 10-11-10 ... S McNeill [illegible]
204 15-PP54 REDUNDANT PAL 3 (B,D,S) (Ladywood Racing Club) M Meade 10-11-10 ... J Railton —
205 2-11216 WATERLOO BOY 16 (D,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 10-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 97

BETTING: 6-4 Katabatic, 11-4 Deep Sensation, Waterloo Boy, 5-1 Gold Options, 150-1 Redundant Pal.

1992: REMITTANCE MAN 8-11-10 R Dunwoody (4-9 fav) N Henderson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLACK HUMOUR beat Bradbury Star 6l in 6-runner Warwick (3m 2f, good to soft) chase on penultimate start. DEEP SENSATION beat Cyphrate ¾l in 9-runner grade I Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) with KATABATIC (same terms) 2l 3rd and WATERLOO BOY tailed off 6th.
GOLD OPTIONS 11½l 5th of 12 to Zeta's Lad in grade III Racing Post Handicap Chase at Kempton (3m, good). Earlier beat KATABATIC (same terms) 3l in 6-runner grade I Mitsubishi Newton Chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). WATERLOO BOY beat KATABATIC (3lb better off) 1l in 5-runner grade II Game Spirit Chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: DEEP SENSATION

3.10 MUMM MILDMAY NOVICES CHASE (BBC2)
(Grade II: £20,976: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

301 111121 YOUNG HUSTLER 16 (D,F,G,S) (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-9 ... P Scudamore [illegible]
302 P-34112 BETTER TIMES AHEAD 69 (G,S) (E Briggs) G Richards 7-11-3 ... N Doughty 71
303 12-1112 CAB ON TARGET 27 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-3 ... P Niven 93
304 3P1112 COGENT 48 (F,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 9-11-3 ... S McNeill 94
305 FF1264 FOREST SUN 15 (F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 8-11-3 ... G Bradley 98
306 422112 SUPERIOR FINISH 16 (G,S) (Dowcat Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 ... M Pitman 96
307 664321 THE WIDGET MAN 10 (F,G,S) (A Ilsley) J Gifford 7-11-3 ... D Murphy 62

BETTING: 7-4 Young Hustler, 5-2 Cab On Target, 4-1 Superior Finish, 7-1 Forest Sun, 10-1 Cogent, 12-1 others.

1992: BRADBURY STAR 7-11-3 E Murphy (6-4 fav) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG HUSTLER beat SUPERIOR FINISH (6lb better off) 3l in grade I Sun Alliance Novice Chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm). Earlier beat COGENT (6lb better off) 4l in 9-runner Newbury (2m 4f, good) chase in February. CAB ON TARGET beat Dusty Miller 10l in 8-runner Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good) novice chase on penultimate start. COGENT beat Milford Quay 7l in 7-runner Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft) chase. FOREST SUN 7½l 4th of 7 to Second Schedual in Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to firm) chase. THE WIDGET MAN beat Mille Belle 6l in Fontwell (3m 2f, good to firm) maiden chase.
Selection: SUPERIOR FINISH

3.45 MARTELL FOX HUNTER CHASE (BBC2)
(Grand National Course: Amateurs: £10,886: 2m 6f) (30 runners)

401 250/0F6- AHERLOW GLEN 384 (D,F,G) (M Pipe) M Pipe 9-12-0 ... D Pipe —
402 3/136-53 BARTRES 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Butt) D Murray Smith 14-12-0 ... J Durkan 70
403 600-360 BLUE DART 21 (G,S) (D Alers-Hankey) T Foster 13-12-0 ... D Alers-Hankey —
404 3U32-53 BOB TISDALL 21 (D,G,S) (R Ogden) Miss C Dennis 14-12-0 ... A Ogden 64
405 44050/ BOLD KING'S HUSSAR 1091 (G,S) Mrs D Plunkett 10-12-0 ... Miss A Plunkett —
406 2-22212 CURAHEEN BOY 18 (F,G) (C Trietline) C Trietline 13-12-0 ... Miss J Butler 74
407 5B21-31 DARK DAWN 24 (G,S) (J Greenall) P Cheesbrough 9-12-0 ... J Greenall 80
408 211-311 DOUBLE SILK 15 (F,G,S) (R Wilkins) R Wilkins 9-12-0 ... R Treloggen [illegible]
409 2/4FP0P- DOUBLE TURN 338 (CD,F,S) (D Harding-Jones) Mrs J Read 12-12-0 ... P Harding-Jones —
410 PPPP-P4 ELVERCONE 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Scott) D Mills 12-12-0 ... A Woodward —
411 41/214-6 FAARIS 43 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Boucher) Mrs D Gresell 12-12-0 ... C Newport 79
412 3P300-3 FOREST RANGER 29 (F,S) (Mrs S McGrath) J Porter 11-12-0 ... R McGrath 88
413 30CF-53 GADBROOK 31 (BF,C,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 11-12-0 ... M Armytage 76
414 433615- GEE-A 347 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 14-12-0 ... Paul Murphy 78
415 5/3P-U GLENAVEY 35 (S) (M Roberts) Mike Roberts 12-12-0 ... P Hacking 76
416 3500-44 GOLDEN MINSTREL 29 (F,G,S) (S Embiricos) Mrs S Embiricos 14-12-0 ... Miss A Embiricos 85
417 251P-PP HARLEY 31 (G,S) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 13-12-0 ... D McCann 77
418 12/303P- KINGS WILD 354 (F) (T Weller) A Jones 12-12-0 ... S Bush —
419 3/312 KNOCKELLY CASTLE 21 (BF,F,G,S) J Trice-Rolph 13-12-0 ... J Trice-Rolph 77
420 2326-23 LACIDAR 17 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs E Seagrave) P Seagrave 13-12-0 ... A Thornton 81
421 0/P4060- LEAGAUNE 445 (S) (G Greenwood) T Casey 11-12-0 ... Simon Andrews —
422 12U-235 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 29 (B,F,G) (E Harvey) O Sherwood 11-12-0 ... A Harvey 72
423 P111-22 MOUNT ARGUS 35 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) S Brookshaw 11-12-0 ... S Brookshaw 82
424 F125/31- NOEL LUCK 538 (F,S) (D Shone) Mrs H Dee 13-12-0 ... M Phillips 72
425 42-2113 NO ESCORT 21 (F,G) (R Russell) Miss C Saunders 9-12-0 ... R Russell 79
426 B413-65 POLYGONUM 35 (D,G,S) (W Burnell) W Burnell 11-12-0 ... W Burnell 74
427 F/2F651 RENAGOWN 7 (D,F,G,S) (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 10-12-0 ... S Brisby 78
428 32U0U-4 SENATOR OF ROME 8 (BF,F,G) (Mrs D Dyson) H Wheeler 10-12-0 ... M Harris 75
429 303/135- SPEAKERS CORNER 325 (F,G) (N Scott) M Sowersby 10-12-0 ... M Sowersby 78
430 /P2PP-4 TOUREEN PRINCE 15 (D,S) (Miss H Knight) Miss H Knight 10-12-0 ... J M Pritchard 90

BETTING: 4-1 Double Silk, 6-1 Dark Dawn, 8-1 Lacidar, Mount Argus, 10-1 Knockelly Castle, Toureen Prince, 12-1 Curaheen Boy, Renagown, 14-1 Gee-A, Senator Of Rome, 16-1 others.

1992: GEE-A 13-12-0 Mr P T Murphy (66-1) G Hubbard 29 ran

FORM FOCUS

CURAHEEN BOY 5l 2nd of 10 to Knockumshin in Taunton (3m, firm) hunter chase with BARTRES (2lb worse off) 2½l 3rd. Previously beat LACIDAR (4lb better off) 2l in 16-runner Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, firm) hunter chase. DARK DAWN beat Bee Garden 7l in 19-runner Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good) hunter chase. DOUBLE SILK completed double, beat Kerry Orchid 1½l in 18-runner Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm) hunter chase with TOUREEN PRINCE (same terms) 17l 4th. Previously beat Moorcroft Boy neck in 11-runner Warwick (3m 2f, good) hunter chase with FOREST RANGER (6lb worse off) 20l 3rd, GOLDEN MINSTREL 4th and MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 5th. GADBROOK 14½l 3rd of 16 to Teaessaint in Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to firm) hunter chase with RENAGOWN poor 6th and HARLEY tailed off when pulled up 3 out. GEE-A beat Raise An Argument 1l in this race last year (good to soft) with GLENAVEY (same terms) 1l 3rd, HARLEY (same terms) 10l 5th, BARTRES (same terms) 6l 6th, DOUBLE TURN 7th, BOB TISDALL unseated rider 10th, POLYGONUM brought down 1st and NO ESCORT pulled up 2 out. MOUNT ARGUS 4l 2nd of 12 to Radical Views in Haydock (3m, good to soft) hunter chase with POLYGONUM tailed off 5th. NO ESCORT beat Knockumshin ¾l in 8-runner Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm) hunter chase on penultimate start.
Selection: DOUBLE SILK (nap)

4.20 ODDBINS HURDLE (BBC2)
(Handicap: £11,429: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

501 113203 BOLLIN WILLIAM 37 (D,S) (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ... R Garritty 89
502 000-111 OLYMPIAN 16 (B,F,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-1 ... P Scudamore 91
503 1U0-333 ONEUPMANSHIP 13 (G,S) (J Stott) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-12 ... H Davies [illegible]
504 52-240P WELSHMAN 95 (D,F,G,S) (B Oxton) M Blanshard 7-10-12 ... D Gallagher 88
505 10613F GALLATEEN 18 (D,F,G,S) (E Maddox) G Richards 5-10-11 ... N Doughty 92
506 061F12 GYMCRAK STARDOM 20 (G,S) (Gymcrak Racing III Plc) M H Easterby 7-10-7 ... L Wyer 93
507 031124 CHILD OF THE MIST 14 (D,G,S) (J Whyte) J Whyte 7-10-6 ... R Dunwoody 91
508 3F4134 DAGOBERTIN 27 (D,BF,S) (P Leonard) M Pipe 7-10-4 ... J Lower 88
509 10-2314 MIZYAN 41 (E Carter) J Banks 5-10-3 ... P Niven 98
510 112001 BELLEZZA 13 (D,F,G,S) (K Higson) A Moore 6-10-0 ... G Moore 92
511 123241 MACEDONAS 20 (F,S) (Mrs B Mead) T Casey 5-10-0 ... R Greene (3) 91
512 35P643 MISTER MAJOR 29 (G) (B Kerr) G Balding 5-10-0 ... A Maguire 90
513 12P-221 STREET KID 9 (F,S) R Johnson Houghton 5-10-0 (4ex) ... Mr G Johnson Houghton 87
514 80/6P66 MILL DE LEASE 11 (D,F,G) (S Leadbetter) J Dooler 8-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3) —

Long handicap: Bellezza 9-11, Macedonas 9-11, Mister Major 9-10, Street Kid 9-5, Mill De Lease 7-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Olympian, 5-1 Gymcrak Stardom, 6-1 Oneupmanship, 8-1 Mizyan, 10-1 Dagobertin, Gallateen, Welshman, 16-1 Bellezza, Bollin William, Child Of The Mist, Macedonas, 20-1 others.

1992: NINEPINS 5-10-4 C Swan (14-1) A Moore (Ire) 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLLIN WILLIAM 13l 3rd of 4 to Flakey Dove in grade II Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good). OLYMPIAN completed treble, beat Sillars Stalker 2½l in 21-runner Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to firm) handicap hurdle. Previously beat GYMCRAK STARDOM (18lb better off) 3l in 15-runner Sandown (2m 110yd, firm) handicap hurdle. GALLATEEN around ¾l 3rd of 14 to Mazmoor in Newcastle (2m 4f, good) handicap hurdle on penultimate start with MIZYAN (10lb better off) 5l 4th. BELLEZZA beat Bardesan 2½l in 7-runner Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, firm) handicap hurdle with ONEUPMANSHIP (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd.
MISTER MAJOR 1l 3rd of 8 to Musical Monarch in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good) handicap hurdle. Earlier 8¾l 5th of 7 to Abnegation in Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle with WELSHMAN (6lb better off) 28½l 7th.
STREET KID beat Stately Lover 4l in 13-runner Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) handicap hurdle.
Selection: MIZYAN

4.50 BELLE EPOQUE SEFTON NOVICES HURDLE
(Grade II: £7,649: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

601 1411 AS DU TREFLE 34 (B,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-7 ... J Lower 76
602 111330 NOW YOUR TALKIN 16 (C,F,S) (J Wright) D Nicholson 7-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 85
603 152221 GAELSTROM 16 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-5 ... P Scudamore 96
604 1101 AAHSAYLAD 15 (B,D,G,S) (Ms M Horan) J White 7-11-4 ... A Maguire 87
605 P13442 CARDINAL RED 18 (G) (Mrs F Walwyn) Mrs F Walwyn 6-11-4 ... B de Haan [illegible]
606 113113 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 140 (D,F,G) (Mrs S York) K Bailey 6-11-4 ... A Tory 66
607 45-34 UNION CASTLE 113 (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 7-11-4 ... N Williamson 59
608 0-41 WADELEY 53 (S) (H Parker) J Edwards 6-11-4 ... Mr T Jenks 69
609 P32361 MARTOMICK 8 (F,S) (R Shaw) K Bailey 6-10-13 ... NON-RUNNER —
610 602311 BANAIYKA 29 (S) (D Brennan) Patrick Mullins (Ire) 4-10-5 ... C Swan 84

BETTING: 5-2 Gaelstrom, 4-1 Aahsaylad, 5-1 As Du Trefle, 6-1 Banaiyka, Cardinal Red, 8-1 Wadeley, 12-1 Now Your Talkin, 14-1 Unholy Alliance, 20-1 Union Castle.

1992: BARTON BANK 6-11-4 C Llewellyn (20-1) D Nicholson 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

AS DU TREFLE beat Brandon Prince 1½l in 10-runner Haydock (2m 4f, good) novice hurdle. GAELSTROM beat CARDINAL RED (8lb better off) 2½l in grade I Sun Alliance Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to firm) with MARTOMICK (8lb better off) 11l 6th and NOW YOUR TALKIN (8lb better off) 15½l 12th. AAHSYALAD beat Latour unchallenged distance in 13-runner Hexham (3m, good) novice hurdle. UNHOLY ALLIANCE easily beat Martell Spirit 4l in 13-runner Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good) novice hurdle in October.
UNION CASTLE 2l 2nd of 9 to Croft Mill in Windsor (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. WADELY beat Meleagris ½l in 12-runner Wolverhampton (3m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle. BANAIYKA completed double, beat Currency Basket ¾l in 20-runner Clonmel (2m, yielding) novice hurdle.
Selection: CARDINAL RED

5.20 TOTE 7th CHASE (Handicap: £7,949: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 116221 SACRE D'OR 16 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 8-11-10 ... G McCourt [illegible]
2 1112P1 WIND FORCE 21 (D,F,G) (J Moreton) G Richards 8-11-5 ... N Doughty 90
3 252411 GULBURN'S NEPHEW 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 11-11-4 ... C Maude 95
4 631F31 ICARUS 6 (V,D,F,G) (N Ryall) M H Easterby 7-11-4 (4ex) ... L Wyer 90
5 41-1242 MACARTHUR 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 8-11-1 ... R Dunwoody 92
6 3-21611 CASTLE KING 27 (CD,F,G) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 6-10-12 ... C Grant 90
7 1-15322 BLUSTERY FELLOW 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Humphries) J Clugg 8-10-0 ... W Humphreys 98
8 0231-32 LITTLE TOM 20 (S) (M O'Connor) J King 8-10-0 ... A Maguire 81

Long handicap: Blustery Fellow 9-11, Little Tom 8-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Castle King, 4-1 Sacre D'Or, 5-1 Gulburn's Nephew, 6-1 Macarthur, Wind Force, 10-1 Icarus, 14-1 Blustery Fellow, 40-1 Little Tom.

1992: HOWE STREET 9-10-7 A Orkney (13-2) J Johnson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SACRE D'OR beat Smartie Express 2l in 11-runner Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase. WIND FORCE beat Strong Approach 3l in 4-runner Ayr (2m 4f, good) handicap chase. GULBURN'S NEPHEW completed double, beat Sirrah Jay ½l in 3-runner Chepstow (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase. ICARUS beat Wigtown Bay ½l in 3-runner Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase. MACARTHUR 6l 2nd of 3 to Clay County in Ayr (2m, good) handicap chase. CASTLE KING completed double, beat Wigtown Bay 7l in 6-runner Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm) handicap chase. Previously beat Space Fair 2½l in 4-runner handicap chase over the same course and distance (firm). BLUSTERY FELLOW 7l 2nd of 3 to Smartie Express in Newbury (2m 3f 110yd, firm) handicap chase.
Selection: MACARTHUR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Hubbard	3	7	42.9	J Frost	4	16	25.0
M W Easterby	3	8	37.5	L Wyer	5	24	20.8
M H Easterby	4	11	36.4	R Dunwoody	9	56	16.1
Jimmy Fitzgerald	6	22	27.3	M Pitman	3	22	13.6
D Nicholson	5	28	17.9	G McCourt	3	29	10.3
G Balding	6	36	16.7	Only qualifiers			

Valiant Boy gains day

VALIANT Boy's victory in the Sandeman Maghull Novices' Chase at Aintree yesterday provided Middleham trainer Steve Kettlewell with his most valuable success to date.

Jacqui Oliver, partnering Shu Fly, looked likely to win the £25,000 added prize when she drove her mount ahead at the final fence.

But Russ Garritty produced Valiant Boy with a well-timed run to beat Shu Fly by a head, with the pacemaking Trimlough a neck away in third.

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THUNDERER

2.15 Lord Sky. 2.45 Front Page. 3.15 Palace Pageant. 3.45 Bigwheel Bill. 4.15 Bobzao. 4.45 Sagebrush Roller.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Greek Gold.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 POLYANTHUS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (10 runners)

1 PHONE ME UP A Scott 8-11 ... B Raymond 9
2 LORD SKY P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 7
3 SELHURST PARK LAD J Berry 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 2
4 SHAREOFTHEACTION R Hannon 8-9 ... J Reid 10
5 RISKY AFFAIR G Lewis 8-7 ... Paul Eddery 8
6 MILLION AT DAWN G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 ... D Harrison (3) 6
7 COLONEL SINCLAIR R Hollinshead 8-5 ... W Ryan 5
8 NO WHAT I MEAN J Moore 8-0 ... J Quinn 4
9 2 RISKIE THINGS 7 J Moore 8-0 ... A McGlone 3
10 THATCHERELLA J Akehurst 8-0 ... D Holland 1

11-4 Selhurst Park Lad, 7-2 Lord Sky, 9-2 Riskie Things, 11-2 Shareoftheaction, 8-1 Phone Me Up, 10-1 Colonel Sinclair, Risky Affair, 14-1 others.

2.45 FLORENCE NAGLE GIRL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,534: 1m 1f) (11)

1 -315 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 6 (F) D Elsworth 6-10-0 ... Tracey Purseglove 10
2 300- SHINING JEWEL 154 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-10 ... Sally Radford-Howes 8
3 011- LUCKY NOIRE 144 (F,S) G Harwood 5-9-5 ... Gaye Harwood 7
4 6230 SINCLAIR LAD 8 (F,G) R Hodges 5-9-4 ... Debbie Biggs 9
5 110- QUANTITY SURVEYOR 189 (S) M Prescott 4-9-2 ... Emma O'Gorman 2
6 1101 ALBERT 8 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-1 (5ex) ... Sharon Millard (5) 4
7 0-06 MAY SQUARE 8 (F) Mrs A Knight 5-7-12 ... Madeleine Smith 3
8 000- FRONT PAGE 97J (F,S) J Akehurst 6-7-12 ... Kim McDonnell 1
9 3062 TENAYESTELIGN 4 (G) D Marks 5-7-7 ... Antoinette Armes 5
10 00-3 THUNDERING 69 (D,S) A Jones 8-7-7 ... Claire Balding 6
11 000/ GEBLITZT 32J J Long 9-7-7 ... Wendy Jones (5) 11

9-4 Albert, 5-1 Lucky Noire, 11-2 Camden's Ransom, 6-1 Front Page, 8-1 May Square, Quantity Surveyor, 10-1 Shining Jewel, Sinclair Lad, 14-1 others.

3.15 LABURNUM CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,157: 1m) (7)

1 40-6 NOMINATOR 8 (F,G) R Hollinshead 9-4 ... W Ryan 2
2 310- DEVILRY 182 (D,F,G) G Lewis 8-12 ... Paul Eddery 7
3 115- EUROLINK THUNDER 174 (G) J Dunlop 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 4
4 200- AZHAR 189 (F) M Stoute 8-10 ... W R Swinburn 1
5 224- NEEDLE GUN 188 C Brittain 8-10 ... M Roberts 3
6 125- PALACE PAGEANT 174 (D,G) I Balding 8-10 ... R Cochrane 5
7 053- PORT LUCAYA 182 (F,G) R Hannon 8-10 ... L Dettori 6

5-4 Needle Gun, 4-1 Port Lucaya, 6-1 Nominator, 13-2 Palace Pageant, 8-1 others.

3.45 JONNIE MULLINGS MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£4,624: 1m 4f) (8)

1 452/ SONG OF SIXPENCE 27J (D,F,G,S) I Balding 9-10-0 ... J Reid 7
2 054- SECRET SOCIETY 188 (D,F) R Williams 6-8-12 ... R Cochrane 5
3 160- GREEK GOLD 189 (G) M Stoute 4-8-10 ... W R Swinburn 8
4 410- BIGWHEEL BILL 158 (D,S) J Watts 4-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 1
5 /6-3 BOOKCASE 20J (CD,F,G,S) D Elsworth 6-8-4 ... J Williams 4
6 350- NEWTON POINT 138J (F) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-1 ... D Harrison (3) 3
7 260- PONCIANA 188 R Hannon 4-8-0 ... A McGlone 6
8 300- ABSENT RELATIVE 10J Miss B Sanders 5-7-7 ... J Quinn 2

3-1 Bigwheel Bill, 7-2 Absent Relative, 5-1 Song Of Sixpence, 6-1 Secret Society, 7-1 Greek Gold, 8-1 Bookcase, 10-1 Ponciana, 12-1 Newton Point.

4.15 MAGNOLIA STAKES
(Listed race: £10,254: 1m 2f) (8)

1 000- BOBZAO 195 (D,F,S) T Mills 4-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 7
2 664- CAPTAIN HORATIUS 153 (D,F,G,S) J Dunlop 4-9-6 ... J Reid 6
3 248- HALF A TICK 153 (D,F,G,S) P Cole 5-9-6 ... T Quinn 4
4 140- BOLOARDO 278 (F) C Brittain 4-8-11 ... M Roberts 2
5 102- DURSHAN 23J (F,G) J Jenkins 4-8-11 ... S Whitworth 1
6 000- MASTER PLANNER 173 (F,S) C Cyzer 4-8-11 ... R Cochrane 5
7 11- CASPIAN TERN 172 (D,G,S) H Candy 4-8-5 ... A Munro 3
8 230- SOIREE 154 (G) B Hills 4-8-6 ... D Holland 8

11-10 Soiree, 9-4 Half A Tick, 9-2 Captain Horatius, 7-1 Caspian Tern, 8-1 Bobzao, 12-1 Boloardo, 16-1 others.

4.45 SYRINGA HANDICAP (£4,878: 7f) (14)

1 0U4- MOUGINS 235 (D,G) D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... A Procter (5) 8
2 100- NEPTUNE'S PET 167 (F,G) G Lewis 5-9-7 ... J Reid 6
3 108- TALENT 182 (V,D,F) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-7 ... A Munro 13
4 304- SAND TABLE 167 (D) J Sutcliffe 4-9-6 ... M Roberts 2
5 -020 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 27 (V,CD,F,G) M Channon 6-8-12 ... T Quinn 12
6 315- SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 147 (D,S) J Watts 5-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 5
7 340- HOPEFUL BID 154 (D,F) R Hannon 4-8-6 ... B Raymond 3
8 -142 ABSONAL 27 (C,D,BF,F,G) P Howling 6-8-5 ... D Harrison (3) 14
9 000- RISE UP SINGING 153 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 5-8-4 ... D McCabe (7) 7
10 040- SYLVAN SABRE 144 (F,S) P Mitchell 4-8-4 ... S O'Gorman 10
11 000- ELTON LEDGER 304 (G) A Scott 4-8-3 ... J Fortune 11
12 052- FOOLISH TOUCH 156 (C,D,F,G,S) W Musson 11-7-10 ... A Mackay 9
13 2252 ON Y VA 25 (CD,S) R Williams 6-7-8 ... J Quinn 4
14 000- LITTLE ROUSILLON 214 (S) W Muir 5-7-7 ... J Penza 1

5-1 Sagebrush Roller, 6-1 Cheveux Mitchell, Sand Table, 8-1 Mougins, Neptune's Pet, 10-1 Absonal, On Y Va, 12-1 Foolish Touch, Talent, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Scott, 9 winners from 40 runners, 22.5%; M Stoute, 11 from 66, 16.7%; J Berry, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Akehurst, 3 from 20, 15.0%; B Hills, 9 from 66, 13.6%; Mrs L Piggott, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: Tracey Purseglove, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; Pat Eddery, 36 from 173, 20.8%; Antoinette Armes, 3 from 16, 18.8%; W Ryan, 6 from 37, 16.2%; A Munro, 15 from 99, 15.2%; D Holland, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

1.50 Press Gallery. 2.20 Jimmy The Skunk. 2.50 Balzino. 3.20 Golden Chip. 3.50 Northern Graduate. 4.25 Hoosie.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Press Gallery. 4.25 **HOOSIE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 HUTTON CRANSWICK MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,348: 5f) (7 runners)

1 040- MISS BRIGHTSIDE 143 A Smith 5-9-5 ... S Webster 5
2 60- CHICAGO 254 C Tinkler 3-8-12 ... M Birch 2
3 3-2 MOON STRIKE 9 (BF) W O'Gorman 3-8-12 ... D Nicholls 6
4 625- NEWBURY COAT 183 M McCormack 3-8-12 ... W Carson 3
5 OSCAR THE SECOND T Fairhurst 3-8-12 ... J Fanning 7
6 530- PRESS GALLERY 182 Mrs J Cecil 3-8-12 ... G Duffield 4
7 6-5 RED FAN 6 J Watts 3-8-12 ... N Connorton 1

13-8 Press Gallery, 11-4 Moon Strike, Newbury Coat, 6-1 Red Fan, 16-1 others.

2.20 SCARBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (10)

1 JIMMY THE SKUNK J Berry 8-10 ... J Carroll 5
2 BATIEN'S RIVER P Haslam 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 10
3 CRY OF THE DOLPHIN P Haslam 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 1
4 04 MUCKROSS PARK 2 K Hogg 8-9 ... A Garth (5) 7
5 PORTITE SOPHIE M Brittain 8-5 ... M Wigham 8
6 ASHEN C Tinkler 8-5 ... M Birch 9
7 RED BRIT M Dods 8-5 ... J Lowe 3
8 PARKSIDE LADY M H Easterby 8-4 ... S Maloney (3) 4
9 0 YOUNG MEDIC 7 J Wainwright 8-2 ... J Fanning 6
10 XAMDIVAD S Norton 8-1 ... M Wood 2

11-8 Jimmy The Skunk, 4-1 Parkside Lady, 11-2 Batien's River, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Fanshawe, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 11 from 53, 20.8%; C Brittain, 7 from 34, 20.6%; S Norton, 9 from 56, 16.1%; Mrs J Ramsden, 6 from 41, 14.6%; M Johnston, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 7 winners from 39 rides, 17.9%; K Darley, 25 from 171, 14.6%; M Hills, 4 from 28, 14.3%; Alex Greaves, 8 from 57, 14.0%; G Duffield, 10 from 73, 13.7%; J Carroll, 11 from 96, 11.5%.

2.50 BRIDLINGTON BAY HANDICAP
(£2,976: 2m 35yd) (11)

1 040- VASILIEV 38J (B,G) J Leigh 5-10-0 ... Dean McKeown 10
2 /5-2 TAROUDANT 7 (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-9 ... K Darley 8
3 03-4 BALZINO 8 Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-0 ... K Fallon 6
4 400- TROJAN LANCER 160 (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-13 ... G Duffield 5
5 205/ ICE MAGIC 531 (G) F Yardley 6-8-13 ... J Carroll 9
6 056/ SUM MEDE 8J (B,F) B Rothwell 6-8-9 ... A Garth (5) 4
7 0-66 LUKS AKURA 76 (V,F) M Johnston 5-8-2 ... M Baird (7) 11
8 222- KING WILLIAM 160J (CD,BF,F) J Spearing 8-7-11 ... J Lowe 3
9 05-5 COST EFFECTIVE 3 (CD,F) M Brittain 6-7-7 ... G Bardwell 7
10 130- ESCAPE TALK 199J (C,F) J Dooler 6-7-7 ... J Fanning 1
11 000- ENKINDLE 59J B Murray 6-7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 2

11-8 Taroudant, 9-4 Balzino, 11-2 Trojan Lancer, 12-1 Escape Talk, 14-1 King William, 16-1 Cost Effective, 20-1 Luks Akura, 33-1 others.

3.20 WITHERNSEA HANDICAP
(£3,289: 7f 100yd) (8)

1 00-0 GOLDEN CHIP 6 (D,G) A Stringer 5-10-0 ... K Darley 2
2 003- BLUE GRIT 165 (C,D,F,G) M Dods 7-8-13 ... J Lowe 5
3 0-00 MANULEADER 48 (B,G) J Norton 4-8-13 ... D Nicholls 4
4 334 WEE SARAH 25 T Barron 5-8-12 ... Alex Greaves 6
5 5-06 SANDMOOR DENIM 35 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 6-8-11 ... S Webster 7
6 600- WHO'S TEF 198 (CD,F) M H Easterby 5-8-7 ... S Maloney (3) 3
7 60-6 SOOTY TERN 17 (F,G) J Bradley 6-8-3 ... N Adams 8
8 000- QUIET VICTORY 188 (B,D,F) Miss L Siddall 6-7-7 ... J Fanning 1

6-4 Golden Chip, 11-4 Who's Tef, 5-1 Blue Grit, 8-1 Wee Sarah, 10-1 Quiet Victory, 14-1 Sandmoor Denim, 16-1 Sooty Tern, 33-1 Manuleader.

3.50 HORNSEA MERE HANDICAP
(£4,371: 1m 1f 207yd) (4)

1 2414 NO SUBMISSION 17 (C,D,BF,G,S) D Chapman 7-10-0 ... D Nicholls 1
2 162- TALENTED TING 104J (D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-1 ... Dale Gibson 3
3 04-1 NORTHERN GRADUATE 8 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-8 ... K Darley 2
4 143- FIRST BID 160 (C,F,S) R Whitaker 6-8-3 ... J Fanning 4

4-6 Northern Graduate, 7-2 Talented Ting, 6-1 No Submission, 13-2 First Bid.

4.25 LECONFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,114: 1m 1f 207yd) (5)

1 03- HOOSIE 165 C Brittain 8-11 ... M Birch 2
2 023- OMIDJOY 197 S Woods 8-11 ... W Woods 1
3 00- SEEK THE PEARL 170 J Fanshawe 8-11 ... G Duffield 5
4 0- SMOCKING 158 G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills 3
5 3- SUNRISE MORNING 176 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 ... W Carson 4

6-5 Sunrise Morning, 3-1 Smocking, 5-1 Hoosie, Omidjoy, 14-1 Seek The Pearl.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Aintree

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Roll A Dollar (P Holley, 9-4 fav); 2, Gaelic Myth (11-2); 3, Land-Afar (50-1). 9 ran. Hd, ¾l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.90, £7.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £14.00. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.35 (2m ch) 1, Valiant Boy (R Garritty, 12-1); 2, Shu Fly (7-1); 3, Trimlough (9-1). Montpelier Lad 11-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Sybillin, Dis Train. Hd, nk. S Kettlewell. Tote: £13.50; £4.30, £2.90. DF: £57.40. CSF: £74.40. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Docklands Express (J Osborne, 6-4); 2, Run For Free (5-4 fav); 3, Very Very Ordinary (15-2). 4 ran. 1½l, dist. K Bailey. Tote: £2.40; DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.51. After an objection by the 2nd to the winner, result stood.

3.45 (2m 6f ch) 1, Sirrah Jay (A Maguire, 16-1); 2, Southern Minstrel (7-1 jt-fav); 3, Nos Na Gaoithe (25-1); 4, Channels Gate (10-1). Welknown Character 7-1 jt-fav. 23 ran. Nk, 8l. G Balding. Tote: £11.60; £2.50, £2.00, £3.20, £3.80. DF: £33.10. Trio: £616.30. CSF: £111.77. Tricast: £2,554.63.

4.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Titled Dancer (J Short, 9-2); 2, Her Honour (11-2); 3, Nadjati (25-1). Bold Boss 13-8 fav. 8 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Coogan. Tote: £4.60; £1.80, £1.40, £4.50. DF: £10.40. CSF: £26.88.

4.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Andrew's First (C Llewellyn, 100-30 fav); 2, Metal Oiseau (16-1); 3, Pashto (11-2). 13 ran. NR: Montagnard, Ardlussa Bay. 1½l, 2l. M Wilkinson. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £4.50, £2.30. DF: £48.30. Trio: £102.60. CSF: £52.48. Tricast: £270.45.

5.20 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Native Field (W Dwan, 9-2); 2, Ned The Hall (7-1); 3, Unngate (33-1). Ealing Court 3-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Bideston. Nk, 4l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.10; £3.10, £3.00, £6.60. DF: £19.90. Trio: £972.30. CSF: £39.01.

Jackpot: £4,595.70.

Placepot: £1,258.50.

Taunton

Going: good to firm

2.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Lumumba Days (J Railton, 4-6 fav); 2, The Point Is (7-1); 3, Strong Breeze (11-1). 8 ran. 25l, 20l. M Meade. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £4.80. CSF: £5.72.

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Tudor Da Samba (J Lower, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Ambassador Royale (7-1); 3, Chinaman (7-2 jt-fav). Miss Marigold 7-2 jt-fav (t). 11 ran. NR: Well Done Rory. 8l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.20, £1.10. DF: £5.60. CSF: £15.84. Miss Marigold (7-2) deemed not to have started — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 20p in pound. All stakes on Miss Marigold refunded.

3.15 (3m ch) SEE ABOVE

3.45 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Surcoat (L Harvey, 11-8 fav); 2, Lavalight (10-1); 3, On The Sauce (4-1). 12 ran. NR: Special Account, Vansla. 5l, 10l. R Baker. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £8.00. CSF: £14.11. Tricast: £39.83.

4.15 (2m 3f ch) 1, Mister Feathers (D Leahy, 7-2); 2, Fred Splendid (4-1); 3, Wickfield Lad (6-1). Grey Tornado 3-1 fav. 7 ran. 15l, 8l. J King. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £2.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £15.94.

4.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Highland Spirit (J Lower, 13-8 fav); 2, Wessex Warrior (8-1); 3, Shimmering Scarlet (10-1). 13 ran. 2l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.00; £1.80, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £8.30. CSF: £12.36. Tricast: £73.78.

Placepot: £14.60.

Brighton

Going: good

2.15 (5f 213yd) 1, Unveiled (W Carson, Evens fav); 2, Simoor (5-2); 3, Oratel Flyer (33-1). 5 ran. 7l, ¾l. R Hodges. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.69.

2.50 (5f 213yd) 1, Samsolom (J Quinn, 8-1); 2, Shikari's Son (4-1); 3, Amethystine (4-1). Misdemeanours Girl 5-4 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, 2l. P Howling. Tote: £7.50; £3.30, £1.40. DF: £22.70. CSF: £34.03.

3.25 (6f 209yd) 1, Keyway (G Duffield, 9-1); 2, Persian Gusher (14-1); 3, Tychonic (4-7 fav). 5 ran. 7l, 3½l. M Prescott. Tote: £7.40; £3.60, £1.90. DF: £6.90. CSF: £74.57.

4.00 (7f 214yd) 1, Dana Springs (J Comber, 13-2); 2, Smarginato (10-11 fav); 3, Half A Dozen (5-1). 4 ran. 2½l, 20l. R Hannon. Tote: £8.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £12.16.

4.35 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Ericolin (M Roberts, 11-10 fav); 2, Alyduncan (7-4); 3, Phrose (6-1). 9 ran. 1l, ¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.65.

5.05 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Atlantic Way (J Quinn, 11-2); 2, The Karaoke King (9-4 fav); 3, Fly For Gold (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Debacle, Aedean, Princess Evita. 2½l, 5l. C Hill. Tote: £4.70; £2.60, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.20. CSF: £16.38. Tricast: £75.17. Placepot: £312.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.25 (5f) 1, Bold Aristocrat (S Perks, Evens fav); 2, Dubail Remy (20-1); 3, Mr Blobby (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Mazeeka. 10l, hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £8.90. DF: £18.70. CSF: £18.27.

2.55 (1m) 1, Royal Acclaim (Micheal Bradley, 14-1); 2, Captain Marmalade (7-2); 3, Marowins (6-1). Lord Naskra 5-2 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Bradley. Tote: £57.90; £5.00, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £29.10. CSF: £60.28. Tricast: £305.40.

3.30 (7f) 1, Stoproveritate (N Connorton, 8-1); 2, Gallery Artist (6-1); 3, Litmore Dancer (16-1). Sally's Son 6-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Saladan Knight. 2l, 1½l. S Norton. Tote: £9.20; £1.80, £1.60, £8.00. DF: £26.50. CSF: £51.37.

4.05 (1m 4f) 1, Roveredo (L Dettori, 6-4); 2, Biljan (Evens fav); 3, Puget Dancer (5-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 5l. D Loder. Tote: £4.80; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.45.

4.40 (1m) 1, Certain Way (M Birch, 6-1); 2, Duveen (Evens fav); 3, Mister Blake (11-2). 9 ran. 4l, 3l. C Tinkler. Tote: £7.10; £2.50, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £6.40. CSF: £12.53. Tricast: £34.14.

5.10 (5f) 1, Sir Tasker (L Dettori, 6-1); 2, Superlativemaximus (11-1); 3, Stop Cartoon (4-1). Belle Soiree 3-1 fav. 9 ran. Nk, nk. J Harris. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £33.20. CSF: £59.83. Tricast: £262.92.

Placepot: £503.00.

Ruthlessness that turns players into winners



David Miller urges Britain's young footballers to adopt a tougher psychological approach

COMPETITIVE sport, amateur or professional, has always been a psychological as much as a physical war. Ask anyone, from Jean Borotra to Allan Border.

Two incidents, the first in England's under-21 draw against Turkey on Tuesday and the second in Manchester United's against Aston Villa last month, suggest not every young footballer realises this.

Steve McManaman was rudely floored by the Turkey left-back, a foul that left him breathless. Running back up the pitch, McManaman waved a friendly hand at the aggressor, as though to say he did not mind and considered it acceptable. But such an attitude loses matches.

Ryan Giggs, with the possibility of scoring the winner against Villa, skied a shot and metaphorically also waved a hand in acceptance, as though it did not matter.

McManaman's and Giggs's job is to destroy, morally as much as physically, the opponent. The more he can be demoralised, the more this will unsettle, even unbalance, the rest of his team. The aim is to render the opponent legless.

Matthews did that. So did Finney. So did Bobby Charlton in his youth, when voted the best left winger in the 1962 World Cup. All three of them terrified opponents. That did not mean they were nasty men. Quite the reverse.

Some people do not understand the difference between hating to lose and hating. Humiliating the opponent is a fulfilment of artistic expression. Matthews humiliated opponents as utterly as Borg or Becker winning 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

Those who offer the hand of friendship, or acceptance of failure, might as well go back to the dressing room. They have conceded, voluntarily, the psychological battle. Is this the price, one asks, of stereotyped contemporary coaching?

Matthews never shook an opponent's hand beforehand. Afterwards, maybe. Beforehand, he was there to reduce the opponent to pulp. It was a mastery that was ruthless and it made him the most compulsive spectacle in the history of the England game.

A year after West Germany won the World Cup against Hungary in 1954, Matthews, at the age of 40, so overwhelmed Kohlmeyer, their left back, that he never played again.

You could not find a nicer man than Charlton and nobody knew better than he the degree of psychological war out there. As a teenager, he would go to Burnden Park and the Bolton and England full back, Tommy Banks, would kick him into the third row of the stand. Bobby would try to find a sanctuary on the other wing and Banks would call across to his colleague: "When tha's finish wi' 'im, chip 'im back o'er my side and let me finish 'im."

Bobby learned that football is both beautiful and cruel, that it was up to him to destroy full backs, with his talent, before they destroyed him.

Nowadays, there are so many factors riding against attacking players, not least the lenience of referees, that the psychological resilience of attackers is paramount. What separates David Platt from the ruck is not his skill, which is unexceptional, but his force of personality, which is irresistible. The look in his eye tells an opponent he will never morally yield the upper hand. Yet here is another player of agreeable disposition. And was not Lineker the same? The smiling nice-man.

Graham Taylor was talking after England's senior victory on Wednesday about the crowd being intimidating. A few coins were thrown. Yet any England footballer who is intimidated by crowd noise should not be there in the first place. The fury of the away crowd should be sweet music, the proof of achievement, so long as it is achieved by fair play.

As potential World Cup artists, McManaman and Giggs still have to discover that it is often the nice people who are as hard as nails.

Giggs gets vote of confidence after debut goal

BY KEITH PIKE

WALES woke this morning to discover what the rest of Britain already knew: in Ryan Giggs, they possess, potentially, the best player of his generation. Potential, though, has a nasty habit of tripping over its own bootlaces.

There was no disputing the brilliance of Giggs's full international debut at the National Stadium in Cardiff on Wednesday. The pace, the vision, the stunning free kick that inspired Wales to their 2-0 World Cup qualifying victory over the previously faultless group four leaders, Belgium.

A pale, frail, 19-year-old winger he might be. A genius? The rest of the world waits to be convinced. But they will not have to wait much longer for, at the end of the month, Wales's road to the United States passes through the Silesian coalfields of the former Czechoslovak Republic. Enchanting an expectant audience in your home town is one thing, illuminating the bleak surroundings of Ostrava another.

It was a point emphasised by Ian Rush, now Wales's all-time leading goalscorer, with 24, after he headed the second against Belgium. "I think Ryan will be one of the best in the world, if he isn't already," he said. "But he is just starting his career. He has proved he can play well at home; now he has got to do it away." Therein lies the distinction.

But Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, had no doubts. "The best thing about him, without knocking people in the past who have also been blessed with great skill, is that he doesn't abuse it," Yorath said. "He is so easy going and level headed. I don't think he will have woken up this morning and thought he had done anything special. He just takes everything in his stride."

Yorath, having successfully reshaped his side to include Giggs once, will have to do so again on April 28. Neither of his centre halves, Aizlewood and Young, will be available after collecting their second cautions of the qualifying competition. Giggs, though, could make the case for the defence irrelevant.

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	7	6	0	1	12	3	12
Romania	5	3	1	1	17	4	7
Wales	5	3	0	2	10	7	6
Czechoslovakia	4	1	2	1	7	4	4
Cyprus	6	1	1	4	4	10	3
Faeroe Islands	6	0	0	5	0	22	0

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Perfect partnership: Sheringham, left, and Anderton have an understanding that can take Tottenham Hotspur to the FA Cup final

Double act prepares for repeat performance

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JANUARY 24 v Norwich City: Sheringham heads in Anderton's free kick. January 30 v Crystal Palace: Sheringham heads in Anderton's free kick. February 7 v Southampton: Sheringham heads in Anderton's free kick. A recurring theme of craftsmen at work; textbook repetition.

February 20 v Leeds United: Anderton's free kick to the far post is headed in by Sheringham. February 27 v Queens Park Rangers: Sheringham heads in Anderton's cross. Subtle variations, same result. Anderton provides, Sheringham finishes and Tottenham Hotspur collect.

In two months, Darren Anderton and Teddy Sheringham have helped transform a team flirting with Premier League relegation into a flowing force. Sixth place in the league and an FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal at Wembley on Sunday.

In two months, Anderton has shrugged aside nagging doubt and niggling injury to reproduce the form that persuaded Tottenham to pay Portsmouth £1.7 million for him last summer. Sheringham, once starved of quality service, has feasted; at last a £2.1 million forward, purchased from Nottingham Forest in August. "It's taken time, but we're now seeing exactly what they're capable of," Doug Livermore, the Tottenham first-team coach, said. "They complement each other perfectly."

Anderton's move from the south coast was fraught. Exposed to the sharp focus and blunt expectancy of north London, and saddled with the burden of being the next Chris Waddle, he stumbled through his Premier League initiation. Too leggy for a winger; too frail by far. Sanctuary was often a short walk to the substitute's bench midway through the second half.

A stomach injury, picked up towards the end of his days at Fratton Park and still lingering, was ventured as part explanation. Yet it only provoked his critics, who dredged up his old Portsmouth nickname of "Sicknote".

"It was affecting my mobility," Anderton, 21, said. "I rested during the close-season, but it wouldn't go away. I knew things weren't going too well, but didn't want to use the injury as an excuse."

A hernia operation in October solved the problem. In his ten-match absence, Sheringham scored twice — one a penalty. Since Anderton's return, Sheringham has plundered 13 goals in 16 games. Anderton has added four, too.

The lean, 6ft frame and gangly gait, slightly hunched *à la* Waddle, no longer offers defenders easy options. Markers back off the England Youth and Under-21 player at their peril. Sicknote — "I once missed a game with a migraine and the name stuck; it was a bit unfair" — has been restored to full health.

"I've always had the confidence," he said. "Tottenham spent a lot of money on me and that gives you belief. Clubs don't do that unless they rate you. It was more a question of getting rid of the injury and then readapting.

"I see my role here as one of getting the ball into the middle as quickly and accurately as possible and Teddy is the ideal target man for that."

Sheringham, 27 today, has already reached his total of 22 goals for Forest last season. With Anderton's continued presence, more must follow. "Darren's return has made all the difference," he said. "A player like me has to have decent service. When you get it, life is so much easier."

Amid the fall-out from Gascoigne's departure to Italy and Lineker's yen for Japan, Anderton and Sheringham represent the rebuild-by-cheque-book phase at White Hart Lane. Barmby, Turner, Watson and Nethercott, among others, illustrate the more significant home-bred element to the equation.

Tottenham's attempt at achieving the required balance, interweaving promising youth with proven value, approaches a critical test: Arsenal, Sunday, high noon. "It's taken a while, but it's all coming together," Sheringham said. "We're not just a side of one or two star names. We're much more solid now."

As usual, Sheringham will probably advise his friends to back him for the first goal — a short-priced yet profitable bet this season — at Wembley. The book is already closed on it coming from an Anderton free-kick.

Mabbutt's timing could prove critical



Mabbutt: regular tests

ON SUCH an occasion, few will mind the inconvenience of a noon kick-off at Wembley on Sunday (Russell Kempson writes). Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur supporters view a second FA Cup semi-final between the sides in three seasons as a must at any time.

Yet for Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, the early start means a delicate rescheduling that could affect his life, let alone his display, were he to get it wrong. Mabbutt, 31, is diabetic and has been for 14 years.

"I'll get up at 7.30, take my first blood test and do my first injection," he said. "Another test when I get to Wembley, one five minutes before the teams go out and another at half-time. It's simply a question of keeping the blood-sugar levels right. If they're out, I top up with glucose."

But the illness can strike swiftly. Last year, he was found in a diabetic coma in his hotel room after captaining England B at Loftus Road. "It's not a problem if you check it regularly," he said. "I make running repairs the whole time."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bears count cost of title triumph

WORTHING Bears could become the first English basketball club to decline an invitation to enter the European Champions' Cup (Nicholas Harling writes). The end of their three-year contract with Stentofon, the communications equipment manufacturer, leaves the Carlsberg League champions searching for a new sponsor so they can take part in the continent's premier club competition next season.

Worthing clinched their first league title with an 87-69 win at Leicester on Wednesday, but their euphoria subsided yesterday as they contemplated the cost of competing in Europe, especially if drawn against a club from the Baltic states in the early rounds. "We would be delighted to go into Europe but must have the finances to do it," John Hazelwood, a Worthing director, said. "We will not risk the future of the club. Our prime concern is to play in the domestic league and to be able to pay our players."

Miller in purple patch

GOLF: Mike Miller, of Scotland, who finished second to Sam Torrance in Italy last week, equalled the course record with a 64, eight under par, to lead after the first round of the Lyons Open yesterday. Miller, pulling his own clubs in a strong wind, was three shots clear of Gabriel Hjerstedt, of Sweden, and Constantino Rocca, of Italy. David Gilford shot 72 and Mark James had a 74.

Miller lost his European Tour card when he finished 148th on the order of merit last year. His 75th placing at the qualifying school in Montpellier in November left him 218th in the order for invitations to tour events, and the Lyons tournament is only his third of the year.

England dispute ends

SQUASH: English players yesterday achieved their aim of separating selection for national squads from participation in national championships (Colin McQuillan writes). A joint statement from the Squash Rackets Association and the newly-formed British Squash Professionals Association declared an end to their dispute over selection criteria, the bodies agreeing to abandon the rule that insisted participation in the event was a mandatory element in achieving selection for England. As a result of the decision, Peter Marshall, the England No. 1, is now likely to lead a full-strength England men's squad into the European championships later this month.

New sightscreen trial

CRICKET: The Test and County Cricket Board has agreed to introduce sightscreen advertising at three grounds — Old Trafford, Headingley and The Oval. Traditional sightscreens will be replaced by Tri-vision boards with revolving displays. The board's blank face will act as a sightscreen, but, between overs and when the bowling is at the other end, advertisements can be shown.

The launch of coloured clothing in the Sunday League this summer has been given the cold shoulder by television. Sky TV, widely expected to offer extensive coverage, has not included any matches in its schedules while the BBC has so far arranged to show only three games nationally.

Bates and Ryan out



RUGBY UNION: Steve Bates, the Wasps scrum half, has withdrawn from England's tour to Canada next month, as has his club captain, Dean Ryan, right. Bates's wife is pregnant, while Ryan has work commitments. They will be replaced by Kyran Bracken, of Bristol, the English Students scrum half, and Mark Rennell, the Bedford No. 8, a former England Under-21 flanker.

British visit

RIFLE SHOOTING: The first Great Britain rifle team to visit South Africa for 30 years will compete at the South African national championships in Bloemfontein from April 25 to May 1. The captain is Robert Stafford and the vice-captain is Wing Commander Chris Hockley, of the RAF, a former Welsh champion and Commonwealth Games marksman. After the Bloemfontein meeting, the team will move on to Harare for the Zimbabwean championships.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: R Stafford (GB, England and London); C Hockley (GB, Wales and RAF); T Rylands (GB and Cheshire); N Bell (GB, Hampshire and RN); A Barnes (Bedfordshire); C Brook (Wiltshire); K Chard (GB, England and Devon); R Clark (GB and RAF); R Coffin (Devon); R Grisenthwaite (Scotland); J Langley (GB and Devon); J Lewis (Norfolk); J Messer (GB and Sussex); S Penrose (England and Essex); M Walton (London); M Wood (Yorkshire).

UAU regain form

HOCKEY: UAU recovered their best form to retain the British Universities Sports Federation title at Ulster University, Jordanstown, yesterday by beating Cambridge 3-1 in the last match of the series. Cambridge led when Bolgar converted a penalty stroke after 17 minutes, but two minutes later Mark Smith levelled the score after a short corner. Keevil put UAU ahead shortly before the interval and Attala added the third goal early in the second half. Attala had scored three times when UAU trounced Wales 9-0. Scotland drew 1-1 with Wales early in the day but their 2-0 victory over Northern Ireland, when Freeland scored twice from open play, assured them of second place.

Old hands continue advance

FROM NORMAN DE MESQUITA IN EINDHOVEN

THIS has been a success story to exceed all expectations. Alex Dampier, the Great Britain coach, made it clear as soon as his team gained promotion to pool B at the world ice hockey championships in Eindhoven that the primary objective was consolidation.

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union and the arrival in pool C of such countries as Latvia and the Ukraine, that is now the most difficult level to escape from, and relegation from pool B would have been a giant step back.

Once Great Britain had opened their campaign here in Holland with a win over the highly touted Poles and then shut out the Danes, priorities were adjusted and gold became a distinct possibility. Japan's speed nearly undid them, but they then had an easy win over Bulgaria.

But there must be reservations over the limited amount of ice time given to the younger members of the squad. The average age of those players who have contributed most to the British success is more than 28.

The dramatic and emotional 3-2 win over the host country on Wednesday makes the gold medal all but a certainty, with only the disappointing Romania and China to face at the weekend. Great Britain have already qualified for the play-off in September, in which five countries will compete for a place in the Olympic Games in Lillehammer. Their enhanced status can be gauged from the fact that the British Ice Hockey Association has put in a bid to stage that play-off in Sheffield.

It is more than 40 years since Britain competed in the Olympics, and 57 years since they surprisingly took the gold medal in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Far fewer countries were involved in those days, and there was still only one world championship group when the competition was held in London in 1950.

After that, British ice hockey declined and almost disappeared, but during the past 15 years there has been a dramatic rebirth, not least because of the sponsorship that has raised the sport's domestic profile. Later this month, Wembley will stage the tenth and last Heineken championship, but the success of the national team will enhance prospects of finding a suitable new sponsor.

POOL B

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Gt Britain	5	5	0	26	9	10
Holland	5	4	1	40	9	8
Poland	5	4	1	57	10	8
Japan	4	2	2	22	12	4
Denmark	4	2	2	21	12	4
Romania	4	1	3	8	28	2
China	4	0	4	5	54	0
Bulgaria	5	0	5	4	49	0

Not including last night's games

Martin feels short-changed

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EAMONN Martin, the European Cup and Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres champion, yesterday claimed that there is a division in class in British athletics between sprinters and distance runners. Martin is miffed that, while some top sprinters, such as John Regis and Tony Jarrett, had warm-weather winter training financed by the British Athletic Federation (BAF), he had two-thirds of a training grant withdrawn.

Martin was allocated £1,000 for Olympic training last year, but, because he obtained private funding, he used only £350. He expected the remainder to be carried over for winter training, but was informed that he could not have it. "Nobody told me there was a run-out date," Martin said. "It should have been left for me to train this winter, especially when you see that the sprinters are out training in California."

British men's distance running has rarely been in such a parlous state, the most recent example being that, in the world cross-country championships on Sunday, there was neither a senior nor a junior in the top 25. The British federation seems reluctant to spend on remedial measures, such as altitude training.



Martin: unhappy

Martin feels that the erosion of goodwill is such that he will refuse to answer any call to try again, in June, to win maximum European Cup points for Britain unless a financial incentive is built into his contract. This season will be the first in which the BAF is to place its athletes under contract.

"The sprinters have been all over the show so, after the way I have been treated this winter, why should I put myself out?" Martin said.

If the BAF refuses to meet Martin's demands, it may have to accede to those of Paul Evans who, given that Richard Nerurkar is intending to run a marathon in May, is the only realistic alternative to Martin for the 10,000 metres spot. But Evans will not line up in the European Cup unless he is guaranteed selection for the world championships, a practice which the BAF has sought to avoid.

SNOW REPORTS

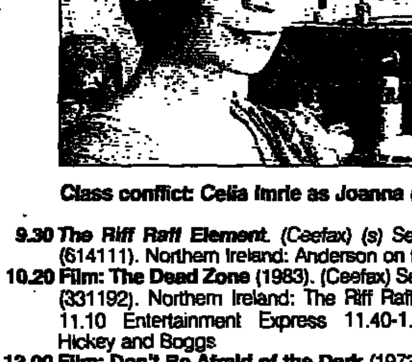
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FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	10	240	hard	patchy	cloud	5	25/3
(Most area links open; best at altitude)							
Avoriaz	15	125	hard	spring	cloud	15	26/3
(Best on upper; some area links open)							
Flaine	10	245	good	thin	cloudy	8	25/3
(Good on upper; 37 of 46 runs open)							
Val d'Isère	80	185	hard	spring	unsettled	5	26/3
(All lifts, most pistes and links open; best above 2,000m)							
ITALY							
Bormio	30	140	spring	closed	sun	6	24/3
(Best at altitude; 15 of 17 lifts operating)							
Cervinia	30	280	firm	hard	sun	0	2/3
(All lifts and area links open; best at Monte Rosa)							
Livigno	25	95	compact	spring	sun	2	24/3
(Good at Mottolino and Carosello; 26 of 27 lifts open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	30	230	good	closed	sun	5	26/3
(Best on glacier; 33 of 40 lifts open)							
Davos	30	200	good	patchy	clear	4	25/3
(All lifts operating; 75 kilometres of cross-country track prepared)							
Villars	5	40	spring	closed	cloud	10	26/3
(Fifteen of 23 lifts open for access to upper runs)							
Wengen	5	90	spring	closed	sun	7	26/3
(Good snow despite mild temperatures; 18 of 23 lifts open)							
UNITED STATES							
Breckenridge	180	200	good	good	cloud	0	31/3
(Fresh snow over firm base; entire area open)							
Mammoth	420	550	good	spring	sun	5	31/3
(Good spring skiing; all runs open)							

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (33869)
7.00 Breakfast News (32534579)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion series (s) (6453208) **9.45 Ross King** Game show (s) (2038208)
10.00 News (*Ceefax*), regional news and weather (8106173) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7518227)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Family magazine. With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (62535840)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among those joining Alan Titchmarsh are cookery writer Sophie Grigson *and singer Mica* Paris (s) (7172395) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37470550)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (60840)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (11696579) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18146666)
2.20 Fair Weather Friends. A warning about the perils to the punter of the small print on insurance policies (28390821) **2.50 The Flying Doctors**. *Australian* medical drama set in the outback (s) (9519314)
3.35 Cartoon (2590482) **3.45 Harum Scarum** (r) (s) (8538598) **3.55 Peter Pan and the Pirates**. Animated adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (5960005) **4.20 The Really Wild Show**. Last in the nature series presented by Terry Nutkins, Michaela Strachan and Chris Packham. *(Ceefax) (s) (1025109)* **4.45 The Flawed Glass**. The last part of Ian Strachan's story, read by Joanna Roth (s) (6293802)
5.00 Newsround (5685840) **5.10 Billy Webb's Amazing Story**. Final episode of the children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6169531)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (914463)
6.00 Six O'Clock News *with* John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (53)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (55). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (1024)
7.30 Entertainment Express. Showbusiness magazine presented by Selina Scott and John Leslie. Includes *Phil Collins on why he is joining Prince Charles* in running music workshops for the young unemployed. Last in the series. (Ceefax) *(s)* (89). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 All Creatures Great and Small. The three partners are puzzled by farmer Biggins's insistance on calling them out to treat his perfectly healthy cows: *and Tristan discovers that* the girl of his dreams sings in the local choral society (r). (Ceefax) (221463)
8.50 Points of View introduced by Anne Robinson (s) (642735)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7043)

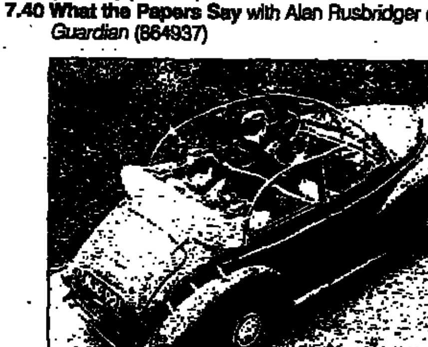


Class conflict: Celia Imrie as Joanna (9.30pm)

9.30 The Riff Raff Element. *(Ceefax) (s) See Choice* (614111). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
10.20 Film: The Dead Zone (1983). (Ceefax) See Choice (331192). Northern Ireland: The Riff Raff Element 11.10 Entertainment Express 11.40-1.30 Film: Hickey and Boggs
12.00 Film: Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (1973) starring *Jim Hutton* and *Kim Darby. Feeble, made-for-television horror about a young couple who inherit a strange house occupied by demons. Directed by* John Newland (2604999)
1.10am Weather (7708086)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Methods — Linear Equations (4851956) **7.10** Data Models and Databases: Miles of Aisles (6308043) **7.35** Maths "Real" *Exponential Functions* (7685173)
8.00 Breakfast News (8498647)
8.15 Westminster (5401821)
9.00 Film: César (1936, b/w) starring Raimu, Orane Demazis and Pierre Fresnay. The last part of the Marcel Pagnol trilogy. Fanny at last reveals to her adult son Cesariot the identity of his real father. (58423550)
11.15 Film: Miracle on Main Street (1939, b/w) starring *Walter Abel and Margo. A none-too-seasonal tale of* a dancer who finds a baby abandoned on the streets of Los Angeles *on Christmas eve. Directed* by Steve Sekely (6646604)
12.30 Australia's Animal Mysteries. A *National Geographic Society* documentary about Australia's disparate wildlife (r) (4377685)
1.20 Postman Pat (r) (93076802) **1.35 Jumpcuts** (r) (62467043)
1.40 Racing from Aintree. The 2.00, 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.10 races (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.10, 3.00** and **3.55** (72665444)
4.40 The Skeletons of Spitalfields. A documentary about the remarkable excavation of 1,000 skeletons, dating from 1800, from which came a detailed picture of 19th-century London life (r) (7021598)
5.30 Top Gear. Includes Jeremy Clarkson test driving Jaguar's new XJ12 saloon (r) (s) (82)
6.00 Stingray. Classic underwater puppet adventures (r). (Ceefax) (591024)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Napoleon and Ilya meet THRUSH's latest assassin (r). (Ceefax) (385289)
7.15 Dr Who. Episode three of the four-part adventure *Revelation of the Daleks, starring* Colin Baker *(r)*. (Ceefax) (406802)
7.40 What the Papers Say with Alan Rusbridger of *The Guardian* (864937)



Classic car: the Morris Minor tourer (8.00pm)

8.00 Perpetual Motion. The enduring fascination of the Morris Minor (r). (Ceefax) (8314)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes Geoff Hamilton at work on Barnsdale's alpine rock garden. (Ceefax) (s) (7821)
9.00 Red Dwarf V. Off-beat science fiction comedy *series starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles (r)*. (Ceefax) (5685)
9.30 Arena: Weegee and Duchamp's Fountain. See Choice (43666)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (647869)
11.15 Weather (615550)
11.20 Heimat (colour and b/w). The final part of the masterly German saga tracing *the lives of three* village families from 1919 to 1982 (322579). Ends at **1.05am**. Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.50-1.30am Heimat

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CHOICE

The Riff-Raff Element
BBC1, 9.30pm

Debbie Horsfield's drama explores the British class system by bringing families from opposite ends of the social scale together under one roof. The Belchers are raucous and earthy and live by stealing. They inhabit much the same world as the Lancashire factory women of Horsfield's previous series *Making Out*. The Tundishes are failed aristocrats, struggling to make *ends meet in a crumbling* country pile. Contact is made when Joanna Tundish (Celia Imrie) goes looking for a cook and recruits Petula Belcher (Mossie Smith). Do not expect subtlety. The people are caricatures and the humour is broad. But Horsfield is a lively writer who knows how to keep a narrative moving. And there are five episodes still to go.

Grow Your Greens
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The cookery writer Sophie Grigson presents an eight-part series on growing vegetables. And what can be new about that? One novelty is that the focus is on *enthusiastic amateurs, rather than professional* gardeners. Grigson chooses a vegetable and then goes in search of an unusual grower. Her journeys this week are to south Wales, to meet a potato buff, to Essex and a writer whose favourite veg is the Jerusalem artichoke and to Skye, where a lighthouse keeper has a wonderful carrot patch. It is a format that cuts out pretension and puts the emphasis on, so to speak, down to earth advice. Grigson will be showing her own skills in *Eat Your Greens*, a complementary series on vegetable cookery which begins on Wednesday.



Quick as a flash: photographer Weegee (9.30pm)

Arena
BBC2, 9.30pm

Departing from its usual format, *Arena* presents a double bill in celebration of two provocative artists. Weegee was the New York photographer who went out at night, picked up police messages on his car radio and often beat the cops to a crash or a murder. His camera did the rest and the images were often shocking. A Jewish-Hungarian immigrant, Weegee died in 1968. He is remembered by his widow, Wilma Wilcox. Marcel Duchamp also made a stir in New York when in 1917 he entered a white porcelain object in an exhibition. He called it "Fountain". It was a urinal. The story of this attempt to extend the boundaries of art is told with the help of Duchamp's then lover, the ceramicist Beatrice Wood.

The Dead Zone
BBC1, 10.20pm

Schoolteacher Jimmy Smith (Christopher Walken) spends five years in a coma after a car accident and emerges with the power to see into the future. The results are predictably disturbing, given that *The Dead Zone* is the work of one horror specialist, the writer Stephen King, and brought to the screen by another, the director David Cronenberg. By Cronenberg's standards, and he can overdo the gore, *this is a* restrained film realised with style and skill. There are *impressive set pieces and effective use of bleak winter* landscapes. The unlikely story is given credibility by Walkden's intelligent portrayal of a man tormented by his unwelcome gift. Herbert Lom plays Johnny's sympathetic doctor.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. This morning's guests include John Nettles, Simon Williams and Barry Manilow (7247753)
9.25 Jeopardy! Daily quiz game (7680463) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (7594647)*
10.00 The Time... The Place... (4206685)
10.35 This Morning *Weekday magazine* (88203289)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (s) (8862647)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Teletext) Weather (8875573) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93091111)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (319598) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama series (s) (318869)
2.15 Life Goes On. American comedy drama (7008395)
3.10 ITN News *headlines (8105685)* **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8104956) **3.20 Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers (s) (1027192)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (7731918) **3.55 Cartoon**. With Tweety Pie and Porky Pig (r) (5964821) **4.15 Talespin**. Animation (r) (s) (6469994) **4.40 Just Us** Last episode of the family drama about two sets of step-children. *(Teletext) (s) (6318840)*
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (7749622)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (548579)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (85598)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse is joined by, among others, Willie Rushton, Sarah Lancashire, *Carol Lee Scott, Fred Talbot and Floella Benjamin* (s) (6192)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (65)



Strange job for a cop: Tom Cotcher (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Double Enmity. DC Carver learns that a wife wants her husband killed and sets up DC Woods to play the role of hitman. (Teletext) (5840)
8.30 Surgical Spirit. *Jolly hospital* comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as the acerbic surgeon, Sheila Sabatini. Last in the series. (Teletext) (1647)
9.00 Doctor Finlay. Janet becomes concerned when Dr Finlay admits to being attacted to one of the married patients of the practice. (Teletext) (s) (8289)
10.00 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather *(29444)* **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (481395)
10.40 Love and War. *American comedy series about the* love-hate relationship between a wealthy divorcée and a world-weary newspaperman. Starring Susan Dey and Jay Thomas (973685)
11.05 The London Programme. Following the privatisation of Aldermaston's management, Trevor Phillips asks "how safe is Britain's most secret *nuclear establishment?*" (827173)
11.35 Married... with Children. American domestic comedy (630869)
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (s) (6866777)
1.05 Whale On. Music and a debate on cruelty in horseracing chaired by James Whale (3678319)
2.10 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and strategy *(s)* (5785593)
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest movie news *from the* United States *(26715)*
3.50 Austin City Limits. New country music (8589777)
4.50 Riviera. Drama serial set in the south of France (4389593)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (57067)

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (1826901)
6.45 Dennis (3040173)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (50463)
9.00 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (39821) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w). Vintage adventures of Gotham City's dynamic duo *(r)* (6122289) **9.50 Calypso Singer**. Animation (7593918) **9.55 Gamesmaster** (r) (7519227)
10.30 New Kids On the Block (r) (1308956) **10.55 The Miraculous Mellops** (r) (1383647) **10.55 The Bunbury Tales** (r) (1658294) **11.30 The Henderson Kids** (r) (8918)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (59685)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is country and western *singer Randy Travis (45821)* ***1.30 Chicken Minute***. (r) (s) (67192)
2.00 Film: Brigham Young (1940, b/w) starring Tyrone Power. Solid drama about the trek westward of the persecuted Mormons and their struggle to establish Salt Lake City. Directed by Henry Hathaway (8802)
4.00 Raising the Roof. A report on the progress of the self-help home building group. (Teletext) *(5182260)*
4.15 Countdown. The final of the words and numbers game, presented by Richard Whiteley. *(Teletext) (s)* (6647260)
5.00 Gimme Shelter: Down and Out in Paris and London. Nick Danziger retraces the steps of George Orwell among the homeless of the two capitals (r). (Teletext) (3005)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenage girl living *in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s)* (63)
6.30 Happy Days. American comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (43)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (933260)
7.50 First Reaction. Jo Brand on the exploitation of *women in television commercials (s) (584314)*
8.00 Citizen 2000. The mother of ten-year-old Leo, born after years of fertility problems, thinks he is now breaking away. (Teletext) (3482)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (9289)



Vegetable know-how: Sophie Grigson (9.00pm)

9.00 Grow Your Greens. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (1163)
9.30 Cheers. *Robin returns to the popular bar a poor but* happy man. Starring Roger Rees. (Teletext) (s) (88685)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy from Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (50314)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Off-the-cuff comedy chaired by Clive Anderson. With Greg Proops, Ryan Styles, *Josie Lawrence and Mike McShane (s)* (36734)
11.00 The Word. The last of the series is a compilation of the season's highlights (s) (70227)
12.00 Gimme Shelter: Raising the Roof. The week's last report from the self-help home builders (5993154)
12.05am Film: The Strange One (1957, *b/w*) *starring* Ben Gazzara and George Peppard. Brutal drama about *a military* college cadet who holds sadistic sway over his juniors — until they turn the tables. Directed by Jack Garfein (465154)
2.00 It's Showtime at the Apollo featuring James Brown (r) (s) (5704628). Ends at **2.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1027192) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (7749622) **6.00** Home and Away *(588550)* ***6.25-7.00*** *Anglia News (286579)* **10.45** Anglia Live (428005) **11.45** Married...with Children (998395) **12.10-1.05** *Night Heat (6875425)* **2.05** Raw Power (5788222) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4442406) **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** Riviera (57116) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28116)

BORDER
As London except: *1.45-3.10 Film*: Queen of the Pirates (2310314) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1027192) **6.00** Lookaround (21) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (73) **10.40-1.05** Reel 2 Reel (86136868) **2.05** Raw Power (57862222) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4442406) **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** Riviera (57116) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28116)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (319598) **1.45** Home and Away (318869) **2.15-3.10** Goliath Awaits (7008395) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1027192) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (7749622) **6.00** Home and Away (588550) **6.25-7.00** Central News (288759) **10.40** Central Weekend (7228463) **12.10** Film: Terror in the Wax Museum (538116) **1.55** The Twilight Zone (9139593) **2.25** Whale On (5781777) **3.25** The Beat (8298357) **4.25** *Jobfinder* (2898932) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6619319)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (319598) **1.45** Home and Away (318869) ***2.15-3.10*** *Highway to Heaven (7008395)* **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1027192) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies *(7749622)* ***6.00*** Home and Away (21) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (73) **10.40** McCloud (12107734) **12.35-1.05** The Twilight Zone (4125241) **2.05** Raw Power (5788222) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4442406) **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** Riviera (57116) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28116)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Wish You Were Here..? (318869) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (7008395) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1027192) **6.00** HTV News (21) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (73) **10.40** The *Place is Famous (963208)* ***11.10-1.05*** *Film:* Part-Time Wife (Keenan Wynn, Andy Robinson, Judith Brown) (434753) **2.05** Raw Power (5786222) ***3.05*** *Entertainment* UK *(44442406)* **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** Riviera (57116) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28116)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.10** 3D

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15 Grass Roots (393550) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here..? (4235314) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1027192) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (85598) **10.40** Film: Top Secret (46671024) **12.25-1.05** Married...with Children *(3413818)* ***2.05*** *Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2178683)* **2.35** Raw Power (2203357) **3.35** Cue the Music (8577932) **4.30** Country Ways *(57116)* ***5.00-5.30*** *Freescreen (28116)*

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live At Six (85598) **10.40** Kelly (7228463) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6875425) **2.05** Raw Power (5788222) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4442406) **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** Riviera (57116) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (318869) **2.15** Wish You Were Here (393550) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (4235314) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice *(1027192)* **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (85598) **10.40** Westwise (963208) **11.15-1.05** Film: The *Brotherhood of the Bell (710685)* ***2.05*** Raw Power (5788222) **3.05** Entertainment UK (4442406) **4.00** Sportsworld (95425) **4.30** *Riviera (57116)* ***5.00-5.30*** *Jobfinder (28116)*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: Flannelfoot (5091173) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1027192) **5.55** Calendar (916173) **6.30-7.00** Seeing Stars (73) **10.40** Harry Enfield's Guide to Opera (963208) **11.10-1.05** Film: Part-Time Wife (711314) **2.05** The Big E (5705357) **3.00** Film: The Melody Lingers On (734203) **4.35** Challenge of the Seas (14301048) **5.00-5.30** Rocksport *(28116)*

S4C
Starts: 7.00 *The Big Breakfast (50463)* **9.00** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (39821) **9.30** The Batman (6122289) **9.50** Fruitful Cooperation (7593918) **9.55** Gamesmaster (4635442) **10.25** New Kids on the Block (7505753) **10.55** Miraculous Mellops (1383647) **11.25** The Bunbury Tales (5888173) **11.30** The Henderson Kids (8918) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (59685) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (68821) **1.00** Lift Off (53550) **1.30** Blossom (67192) **2.00** Film: Mercy or Murder? (175111) **3.45** Our House (396647) **4.15** Somerset (4920260) **4.25** Slot 23 (3162579) **5.00** Countdown (4598) **5.30** Brookside (50) **6.00** News (953840) **6.10** Heno (380734) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4734) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (27) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad *(3482)* ***8.30*** *News (991753)* ***8.55*** Gwaligofion Y Guanacos Ac Erail (857937) **9.40** San Steffan (978519) **10.00** Roseanne *(50314)* ***10.30*** *Whose Line is It Anyway?* (995918) **11.05** The Word (529734) **12.10** Raising the Roof (4110319) **12.15** Film. The *Strange One (557609)* ***2.05*** *Close*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24809482) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (5408531) **9.10** Cartoons (5523734) **9.30** The Pyramid Game *(13395)* ***10.00*** *Strike It Rich (72111)* **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (82937) **11.00** Hart to Hart (40604) **12.00** Falcon Crest *(71078)* **1.00pm** E Street (40840) **1.30** Another World (1424956) **2.15** Santa Barbara (931734) **2.45** Maude (930005) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (937918) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4274734) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2395) **6.00** Games World (9937) **6.30** E Street (9519) **7.00** Rescue (3024) **7.30** Family Ties (9173) **8.00** V (48005) **9.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (68869) **10.00** Code 3 (74918) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (90378) **11.30-12.00** Studs (78395)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am News (70802) **6.30** News And Business Report (601734) **9.30** *Nightline (82289)* ***10.30*** *48 Hours (68753)* **11.30** International Business Report (84937) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (77869) **1.30** Good Morning America (78598) **2.30** Parliament (86734) **3.30** The Lords (95753) **4.30** News and Business Report (9314) **5.00** Live at Five (65531) **6.30** News and Business Report (94753) **7.30** 48 Hours (9753) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (217024) **10.30** Nightline (98918) **11.30** ABC News (84227) **12.30am** 48 Hours (67311) **1.30** ABC News (62406) **2.30** Getaway (78116) **3.30** ABC News (73661) **4.30** Financial Times Reports (88898) **5.30-5.59** ABC News (89951)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8293314)
10.00 Rocky V (1990): Sequel in which the boxer trains a new fighter (28227)
12.00 Mission of the Shark: True story of a cruiser sunk in 1945 (87043)
2.00pm The Angel Levine (1970): A Jewish tailor is befriended by a black angel (52208)
4.00 Hello Down There (1969): A family decide to live underwater (7227)
6.00 Rocky V (as 10am) (32444)
8.00 Descending Angel (1990): George C. Scott as a suspected war criminal (39650937)
9.40 US Top Ten (180111)
10.00 Silver Bullet (1985). Werewolf horror (971734)
11.35 Black Eagle (1988). Martial arts espionage tale (723444)
1.20am I Was a Teenage Vampire (1988): A youth develops fangs (8578425)
2.50 Linda: Erotica (3858390)
4.10 Any Man's Death (1990): Political thriller set in Africa (141845). Ends at **5.59**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Boom Town *(1940)*. *Two oil drillers* fall for the same girl (23734)
8.00 Lawman (1971). Burt Lancaster as a tough sheriff (35579)
10.00 Saint Jack (1979): Black comedy about an American pimp in Singapore (93005). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.45am Twentieth Century (1934): A Broadway producer trains up an unknown actress (56104192)
8.20 Peter and Pompey: Australian family drama (24234856)
10.05 Adam Had Four Sons (1941): A French governess looks after a family of four (95019173)
12.00 Big Ideas: A boy discovers that a bay is polluted (85685)
2.00 The Maid: Martin Sheen as a businessman turned maid (43550)
4.00 Peter and Pompey (as 8.20) (5869)
6.00 Ishtar (1987): Middle Eastern intrigue with Warren Beatty (63314)
8.00 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990): Winona Ryder as a girl who decides a local legend is her mother (35531)
10.00 Carolina Skeletons (1991): A black *US Marines officer tries to clear his dead* brother's name (810111)
11.40 To Kill a Priest (1988): A Polish cleric *defies the government (866598)*
1.40am Havana (1990): Romance set in Cuba, 1958 (30945864)
4.05 That Magic Moment *(1990): Drama* about 1950s American teenagers (838870). Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (98173) **7.00** NHRA Drag Racing Today (43111) **7.30** Netbusters (39918) **8.00** ATP Tennis (53024) **8.30** Snowboarding World Tour (52395) **9.00** Morning Stretch (43647) **9.30** The Boot Room (26647) **10.30** European League Round-Up (29163) **11.30** Morning Stretch (49260) **12.00** Fishing The West (56111) **12.30pm** Netbusters (74005) **1.00** F1 Grand *Prix (82260)* **2.00** British Motor Sport (13482) **3.00** British League Basketball (89537) **5.00** The Boot Room (4395) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (82024) **7.00** International Rugby League (840376) **9.30** March of The Week (21111) **11.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (26227) ***12.30-3.00*** *The Big League (841339)*

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (57314) **8.00** Show Jumping (27395) **9.00** NHL American Ice Hockey (24598) **11.00** 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (13685) **12.30pm** Eurofun Magazine (69173) **1.00** Live Tennis (4103314) **6.00** "Moto" Magazine (6005) **6.30** Eurosport News (1735) **7.00** International Motorsport Magazine (75173) **8.00** NHL American Ice Hockey (84821) **9.00** NBA American Basketball (53463) **9.30** Top Rank *Boxing* (93774) **11.00** Tennis ATP Tour (58531) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (93319)

UK GOLD
6.00am *Rainbow* (12067192) **6.15** Button Moon (12062647) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (8511598) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3263598) **7.30** Neighbours (3242005) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1681734) **8.30** EastEnders (1680005) **9.00** The Bill (1604685) **9.30** The Brothers (5461208) **10.30** Tenko (6148550) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1175734) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1684821) **12.30** Neighbours (9020956) **1.00** EastEnders (3262869) **1.30** The Bill (9029227) **2.00** Never the Twain (7747024) **2.30** Solo (3445294) **3.00** Dallas (1179550) **4.00** Dynasty (1198685) **5.00** Candid Camera (7738376) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3140442) **6.00** Neighbours (2095753) **6.30** The Brothers (3013937) **7.30** Never The Twain (2990109) **8.00** EastEnders (7727260) **8.30** Solo (7746395) **9.00** Tenko (9079314) **10.00** The Bill (1685550) **10.30** Alas Smith *and Jones (1801598)* **11.00** *Kenny Everett* (1199314) **11.30** Dr Who: Terror Of The Autons (6591734) **12.00** Film. Earth vs The *Spider (1958) (8240680)* **1.30-2.00am** *Video* Baes (1934425)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (78482) **6.30** Cartoon Capers (5146192) **7.15** *Kissy Fur* (652260) **8.45** Jack in the Box (411260) **10.45** Stories Without Words (392956) **11.15** Cartoon Capers (1276937) **12.00** Grasshopper Island (98111) **12.30pm** Mask (373289) **3.00** Kissy Fur (53668) **4.00** Spiff and Hercules (4802) **4.30** T-Rex (3314) **5.00** TVFM (5802) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (4666) **6.00-7.00** Fame (24024)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women's Studies: *Beware* — Gender at Work
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, *news*, weather and arts news with Andrew *McGregor*. Includes Locatelli (Concerto in F for four violins, Op 4 No 12); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1 in E *flat*); Haydn (Symphony No 44 in E minor, Trauer); and Ravel (Tzigane)
9.00 Composer of the Week. *Rachmaninov*. Three Russian Folk Songs; Blessed Art Thou O Lord, Vespers; and Symphonic *Dances*
10.00 Morning Sequence. Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370); Busnois (Motet: In Hydraulis); Schumann (Abegg Variations, *Op 1*); *Berg (Der Wein)*; Heller (Variations on a theme of Schumann); Debussy (Sonata for flute, viola and harp); and Schumann (Davidsbündlertänze, *Op 6*)
12.00 Das Knaben Wunderhorn (r)
1.00 News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Hu Kun on violin and Norma *Fisher on piano* perform Tartini, arr Kreisler (Variations on a theme by Corelli); Respighi (Sonata in B minor); Saint-Saëns, arr Ysaye (Etude in the form of a Waltz, Op 52 No 6)
2.00 *The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra*. Features Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G, first movement); Stravinsky (Concerto in D); *Bartók* (Music for strings, percussion and celesta); Handel (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 1); Holst (St Paul's Suite, finale); and *Britten (Variations* on a theme of Frank Bridge) See Choice
4.00 Samuel Barber: Piano Sonata (Vladimir Horowitz, *piano) and* Overture: The School for Scandal *(Utah SO under* Joseph Silverstein)
4.30 Sounds from Another World: Traditional music from the Americas *(r)*
5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker with music and news
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Conducted by Cristobal Halffter with Linda Finnie, *mezzo, and the Rascher* Saxophone Quartet. Carnicer (Overture for Rossini's *Barber of Seville*); and Halffter (Concerto for saxophone quartet). In the interval at **8.10** *a consideration of the* architecture of Madrid (r), followed by: Falla (El Amor Brujo); and Halffter (Tientodel primer tono y batalla imperial)
9.15 The Wolpert Conversations: In the last of the series, Nobel Prize-winner Gerald Edelman *reflects on the scientific* "style" which has carried him through research on the immune system and the brain
9.40 Vintage Years: David Mellor presents recordings of the Swedish tenor Jussi Bjorling who died in 1960 (r)
10.45 Roots of Cane: *David Perry's* profile of Jean Toomer, the American author of a southern masterpiece, *Cane*. High Quarshie reads from the book *and from Toomer's* letters and diary, while the writer Toni Morrison talks about the man and his work
11.30 Midnight Oil: Philip Tagney *presents* a report from a Weekend of Microtonal Music in London. Doina Rotaru (Over Time); *Michael Turnbull (Like in* the Night); Ian Dearden *(Shuffle)*; Mike Vaughan (Nada); Brian Ferneyhough (Mnemosyne)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** *Weather* **7.25, 8.25** *Sports* News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: with the actress Juliet Stevenson (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30am *Murder Most Foul* (FM only): Fifth of six murder cases featuring pathologist Dr Keith Simpson
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). Psalms. Final episode read by Hannah *Gordon*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on party plan selling, a report on gene therapy, and interviews with the *archaeologist Vivienne Metcalf* and the actress Haydn Gwynne. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme. The story of how *Leonardo*, one of the rarest turtles in the world, was found washed up on the coast of Ireland, and returned to his home in the Gulf of Mexico
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper presents a special show from the Ukraine. The country is preparing for agricultural change and the West is keen to help **12.55** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) ***1.55*** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Memoirs of a Midget. Emma Fielding stars in the final part of an adaptation of Walter de la Mare's novel
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 *Bookshelf*: *Nigel Forde* investigates the role of travel guides
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Louise Buck *reports on the first night of Macbeth* directed by Richard Eyre, and examines the relationship between the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and her photographer husband Alfred Stieglitz
4.45 Short Story: Black Snow Falling, by Bernadette Crosthwaite, read by Elizabeth Mansfield (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.30 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Joining Nick Clarke in *Monkton Heathfield*, Somerset are Tony Benn, MP; John Harris, chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses; Emma Nicholson, *MP*; and Sir Anthony Parsons, diplomat
8.50 Stop Press, with the prize-winning columnist of *The Times*, John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: R S Thomas (r). See Choice
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Inseparable Twins. Final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Kaleidoscope: R.S. Thomas. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

His eightieth birthday *and the publication of his* collected poems are the ostensible reasons for this interview with the poet from Wales who writes in English. *But such excuses* are unnecessary for men such as Thomas who bestride the worlds of poetry, nature, politics, religion and science *and plant* their feet firmly in all of them. He may be right that the misfortune of Welsh is to have tried to exist alongside a towering language such as English, but the Welshness of his own writing has not been at all inhibited by this fact of history.

The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra. *Radio 3, 2.00pm.*

Dennis McCaldin's seven-part series featuring chamber music ensembles that have achieved world fame in the *20th century*, begins with the Basle Chamber Orchestra and the Boyd Neel Orchestra. One with the Boyd Neel recording *is particularly interesting. It is* Britten's Boyd Neel recording is *particularly* interesting. It is Britten's deservedly popular *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*. Boyd Neel gave the first performance of the work (in Salzburg in 1937) and the voice of the founder of the ensemble can be heard this afternoon introducing each of the variations.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **6.00am** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** *Mark Goodier's Mega Hits* **8.30** News 93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel **2.00am** Lynn Parsons **4.00** Neale James

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.15am** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Idil Biret **9.00** Listen to the Band: Roy Newsome presents the *Manger Musikkag Band from Norway under Kim Lolthouse* **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: *guests include the 1992 Booker Prize-winning author*, Barry Unsworth **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** John Terrett **4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** They Think It's All Over **1.05** All Change **2.30** Racing from Aintree **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Wicked Words: Quiz show presented by Pete McCarthy **7.15** A Sudden Glow of Gold **7.30** International Rugby League **9.30** Inside Sasha **10.10-12.00** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** *Meridian* ***8.00*** *Newsdesk* ***8.30*** *Tea* ***9.00*** *World News* ***9.10*** *Words of Faith* **9.15** Music Review **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Tea **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Raag Darban **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** Music Review **4.29** News headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World *Business Report* ***6.15*** *The World Today* ***6.30*** *Heute Aktuell* ***7.05*** *German Features* **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** The World Today **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** World News **12.05** World Business Report **12.15am** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From The Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seeing Stars **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey ***8.00*** Henry Kelly **1.00** Celebrity Choice **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Ohana (Three Designs for Guitar and Orchestra. The Philharmonia and Godelieve Monden, guitar); Haydn (Symphony No 104 in D major "London": The Hanover Band) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict: Robert Cowan and Keith Shadwick discuss new CD releases **8.00** Classic FM Concert: features music by Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky Korsakov, Alberto Ginastera, Joaquin Turina **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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ENGLAND FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEED TOUGH LESSON

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IAN STEWART



Early fall: Welknown Character and Mick Fitzgerald part company in the John Hughes Trophy over the Grand National fences at Aintree yesterday. Ten of the 23 runners failed to complete the course. Racing, page 45

Fry leaves Barnet for Southend

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BARRY Fry, the manager of Barnet Football Club for 14 years, yesterday moved to Southend United to succeed Colin Murphy. On the day after Stan Flashman, the Barnet chairman, had sacked Fry for an estimated seventh time, before then resigning himself, Fry left the third division club he had been guiding towards promotion.

Fry and the players met Barnet's new three-man board yesterday but he said: "I was not happy with the new set-up. They're just plastering over the old cracks."

Vic Jobson, the chairman of Southend, the first division club, moved for Fry after the club and Murphy had mutually agreed to part. Murphy had been at Roots Hall for less than a year.

Fry had been reappointed manager of Barnet by the new chairman, Robert Woolfson. Stanley Beller, the club's solicitor, said that Woolfson was "absolutely astounded" at the news.

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English spirit reaps reward

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER else people say of the English, they are men of substance when the going gets tough abroad. After events in Izmir on Wednesday afternoon, there has to be a sense of pride that England's players and their supporters, in unison, resisted Turkish provocation on and off the field to take control of the nation's World Cup destiny.

To extract two goals and two points from a seething cauldron demanded the players dig deep into their physical resources, deeper still into the mental ability to concentrate and to maintain discipline. Other players from other nations might have laid down and feigned injury to claim the points by default had one of their number been struck by a coin or a piece of fruit — as were Woods, Wright, Palmer. The English reaction bore the hallmarks of the honesty that Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, the game's world governing body, praised barely a week ago.

Fifa has asked *The Times* to add written evidence to the reports it is gathering from the referee and the Russian observer before deciding what action to take against Turkey. This newspaper shall comply with that and its statement will bear relief that no eye, no limb, no life was lost by the grace of God rather than the inertia of armed police who used riot shields to protect their own faces rather than the performers.

Despite the sustained barrage of abuse, England's was a good, sleeves rolled-up, team response to misguided hostility. Turkey, to a degree, beat themselves, their crude attempt at bullyboy tactics borne out of the inferiority complex of having never scored a goal against England.

However, for them to fight rather than play was manna from heaven to English professionals who are masters at scrapping. All of them have had tougher physical experiences against Wimbledon.

There is still a dimension of foreign nastiness that could have unsettled England. Paul Gascoigne spoke afterwards of being spat at three times and bitten.

"We fear no one now," the irrepressible Gascoigne, cavorting around Luton airport on England's return, said. "We can beat Holland, beat anyone."

His manager, Graham Taylor, reflected that such confidence was typical of one or two "characters" he now has in the squad. In Taylor's opinion, it is easy for the players to lose perspective, to go over the top after a good win.

The manager's own judgment is that England performed admirably in extreme circumstances, but that there is plenty of room to improve. Far too many passes went astray for his liking.

Nevertheless, he too looks forward to the visit of Holland next month with a greater inner belief: "Holland have produced some very gifted players, they are a special side," he said. "That can't be denied, but quite honestly I think we can ruffle these players.

"But again, don't let us go over the top, after that we have to play in Poland. Everybody's seeing Holland as the big game, but we have to keep this balance and Poland is the unknown quantity."

David Platt, the England captain, is proving inspirational. Yet again, he opened the scoring; yet again, he ran with a force that should carry an English patent. Little was said of him yesterday, perhaps because little needs to be said, but certainly as the mood of the camp improves, it seems Platt should be made the permanent captain and that Taylor himself draws immense confidence from this dominating player.

There are others maturing nicely. Paul Ince is, as Taylor observed, "the biggest bonus to arrive on the international scene of the home nations in the past year". Exactly so: Ince covering in defence has added stability where it counts and, though the manager and many of the players point to the reassuring form of Tony Adams, the Arsenal defender has challenges yet to come.

Some of us have castigated Adams, others have laughed at him. He deserves now, as he did after his performance against Norway, the respect he craves. Doubtless he will, if fit, be automatically selected for the next international, but if Marco van Basten overcomes his own stubbornly damaged ankle, we shall see Adams stretched and turned and tested far more than in Izmir.

Andy Sinton and John Barnes performed roles for the team on Wednesday that either put them into strange positions or restrained, subordinated duties and Nigel Clough came on as a substitute once more to show his lovely, measured passes that can exploit the space once it is opened up for him.

If only we could leave it there. Alas, Fifa may have to ban Turkey altogether from this tournament and that, some claim, would be unfair to England because Norway should visit that country. How facile. England deserved the points, but it cannot be in the interests of football to send Norwegians or anyone else to face the risks England endured. There is not a game worth playing under that philosophy.

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	4	3	1	0	15	2	7
England	4	3	1	0	13	1	7
Holland	5	3	1	1	15	6	7
Poland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Turkey	7	1	1	5	6	14	3
San Marino	6	0	1	5	1	28	1

Bowls date blunder breeds disharmony

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

A NEW national indoor bowls championship, designed to bring men and women closer, has had the opposite effect.

An administrative blunder means that, on Sunday, the final of the new Egham Trophy mixed inter-club event, arranged by the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association (EWIBA), will clash with the final of the Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy men's county championship, arranged by the men's English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA).

On Sunday, Teignbridge, due to play Desborough, the Maidenhead club, in the Egham final, will lose five players and three possible replacements to Devon, who meet Norfolk in the Liberty final at Melton Mowbray.

Bryan Lee, the Teignbridge non-playing team manager, who is one of the eight men required by Devon, said: "It's like asking Liverpool to field their second team in the FA Cup final because half their side are on England duty."

The Egham Trophy was introduced in recognition of the fact that mixed bowls was becoming more popular. It was agreed that the EWIBA would organise the competition.

The EWIBA admits to fixing the date, but insists that it was agreed with the EIBA and the Egham club, "long before the end of the 1991-92 season".

However, Tony Ward, the men's competition secretary, says the Liberty final is always played on the last day of the national championships, and that he informed the EWIBA as soon as this year's date was fixed, pointing out that a clash had occurred.

"With the men blaming the women and the women blaming the men, nobody has thought of apologising to us or sympathising with our plight," Lee said.

"All we've been told is that, with 500 men as members, we must be well off for replacements. But we are devastated by losing half of our side."

Fishing's guardian angles for court justice

Brian Clarke on the body dedicated to protecting top waters from the ravages of industry and agriculture

The court victory this week by the Anglers' Co-operative Association (ACA) against the former owners of a fish farm that allowed rainbow trout to escape into a brown trout river has performed a service to fishermen on many rivers where commercial trout farms have sprung up.

It has also focused attention on a tiny and formidable organisation set up by anglers and fishery owners to fight pollution of all kinds. In the 45 years of its existence, the ACA has brought almost 2,000 cases, fighting them as far as the High Court and even the Court of Appeal — and has lost only one.

The case of the fish farm that allowed small trout into the stretch of the Kennet held by the Savernake Fly Fishing Club will therefore not rank as one of the great legal battles that the ACA has fought.

The case is important, however, in confirming the principle that large numbers of fish escaping into the wild constitute a form of pollution. Escapes on such a scale reduce the enjoyment of anglers, who often pay large sums for "natural" fishing, and can have a devastating effect on wild fish.

Such escapes from trout farms have been disturbingly common in an industry that has grown quickly, that has consistently been under-regulated, and that naturally seeks the same kinds of waters that anglers are interested in because, by definition, they are best-suited to growing fish.

Even the River Test in Hampshire — the most famous trout stream in the world — now has fish farms dotted down its length. In recent years, those fishing this, and other expensive rivers, have often been plagued by tiny, escaped rainbow trout that snatch at every fly cast to their betters. In places, long reaches of river bed have been carpeted with excreta released into the one-pristine flows by tens of thousands of pond-held fish.

Now that the ACA has the Kennet case in its creel, it seems likely that actions will be brought against more offending fish farms; two such actions are known to be in preparation. Nor is it relatively small operators that the ACA is prepared to tackle on behalf of its 18,000 contributing members, which include 1,100 clubs.

As early as 1951, on behalf of two angling clubs, the ACA brought a case against British Celanese, Derby Corporation, East Midlands Tar Distillers and the Central Electricity Generating Board *simultaneously*, for pollution of the River Derwent. The case went 13 days in the High Court and six days in the Court of Appeal and was won with costs and damages.

Since then the ACA has fought multi-national corporations, public institutions, one-man bands and the recently-privatised water companies, winning every time.

Perhaps the most important of the 42 cases the ACA has on the table at present — and one that could have significant political as well as environmental implications — is against British Coal.

The ACA has launched a test case on behalf of the angling section of the Llanbradach Workmen's Institute and the Maesycwmmer club, alleging that British Coal allowed contaminated water from a disused mine to get into the River Rhymney, on which the anglers have rights.

The hearing will begin in Caerphilly magistrates' court next month, is likely to move on to the Crown Court later in the year, and because of its implications for the coal industry, for the angling community and even for government plans, the ACA may well end up in the Court of Appeal once more. None of this is a prospect that will cause trembles in Grantham.

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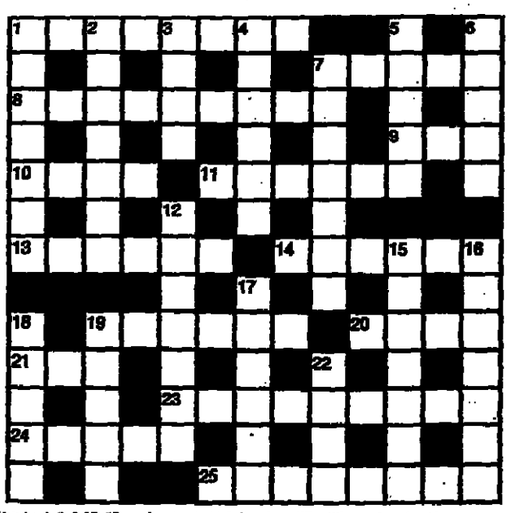
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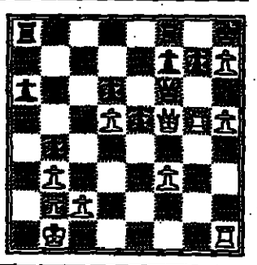
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BRAINS TRUST

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Tolnai — Henriksson, Debrecen 1992. White has a powerful build-up on the king's wing, and only needs to break through to terminate black's resistance. How does he achieve this?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TUNDISH
a. Lecherous, amorous
b. A mould for molten metal
c. A Turkish franc-tireur

MAESTRIA
a. The Adriatic coast
b. Mastery or musical skill
c. Fine pasta with oil

CLADE
a. Wearing clothes
b. A woman's long cloak
c. Descended from a common ancestor

RIMAYE
a. A crack in the ice
b. A bronze goblet
c. A reverse chicane at motor racing

Answers on page 44